



LCMS President Gerald B. Kieschnick (left) installed Minnesota South District President Lane Seitz on June 12 at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minn., during the district convention.

## District convention overview

### Dr. Seitz re-elected to seventh term

More than 550 Lutherans attended the 75th Minnesota South (MNS) District Convention in June on the campus of Concordia University in St. Paul. Dr. Lane Seitz, 62, was elected to his seventh consecutive three-year term as Minnesota South District president.

#### Other convention results include:

##### Vice Presidents

- First vice president—re-elected Gerhard Bode Sr., pastor of Peace Lutheran in Hutchinson.
- Second vice president—re-elected Larry Griffin, pastor of Trinity Lutheran in Janesville.
- Third vice president—elected Mark Tewes, pastor



Members of Carver Lifelines celebrating 25 years of promoting the sanctity of human life are shown above.

of Living Christ Lutheran in Chanhassen.

- Fourth vice president—elected Bob Gehrke Sr., pastor of South Shore Trinity Lutheran in White Bear Lake.

#### 2009 District Board of Directors

- District Secretary William Otte Sr., pastor of Trinity Lutheran in Rochester.

#### Ordained Ministers

- Region I—Robert Schulze, pastor of Messiah Lutheran in Lakeville.
- Region II—Thomas Braun, pastor of Christ Victorious Lutheran in Chaska.
- Region III—James Heining Sr., pastor of Redeemer Lutheran in Rochester.

- Region IV—Kurt Lehmkuhl, pastor of Peace Lutheran in Arlington.

#### Commissioned Ministers

- Principal Randall Ash of Trinity Lutheran School in Waconia.
- Administrator Lynn Henry of Concordia Academy in Roseville.

#### Lay Representatives

- East Metro North—Jeff Bartels of Bethel Lutheran in St. Paul.
- East Metro South—Will Bartley of Woodbury Lutheran in Woodbury.
- West Metro East—James Roegge of St. Michael's Lutheran in Bloomington.
- West Metro West—Steve Krause of Redeemer Lutheran in Wayzata.

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### November deadline is 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](mailto:pastoranderson@yahoo.com). Photos may be sent as attachments.

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.

# COMMENTS/FINANCES

## Facing adversity—confidently

Throughout the Scriptures, we see a variety of people who encountered adversity in their life. One of the first that comes to mind is Joseph, who was sold into slavery in Egypt BY HIS BROTHERS! Imagine what thoughts went through Joseph's mind—or could have. As I think about that story, I am awestruck by Joseph's attitude regarding what happened to him. In Gen. 45:5, he tells his brothers, "... Do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you."

Then there is the story of Job, who had a variety of bad things happen to him. You can read about them in Job 1-2. After watching it all happen, Job's wife turned to him and said, "Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!" In those words, it was as if Job's wife was saying, "I can't believe in a God who allows people to suffer." In the face of the overwhelming loss of his animals, his servants, all of his children, and a case of "painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head" (2:7), Job turned to his wife and said, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

How would you answer that question? Many people are of the opinion that God owes believers "good stuff" and that unbelievers should get all the "bad stuff." But, that's not how it works, is it? Believers have bad things happen to them in life, and unbelievers get good things in life. Psalm 73, in fact, focuses on this perplexing situation of life.

This past week, the television program "60 Minutes" featured a segment on Steve Wynn, an entrepreneur, who has made millions of dollars building hotels and casinos in Las Vegas. While a lot of good fortune has come his way, even bad things happen to him. One of them is the fact that he is losing his eyesight. Another is that when he was showing a Picasso painting he owned to a potential buyer (the selling price was \$139 million), he inadvertently poked a hole in it with his elbow. In a split-second, he ruined a \$139 million painting. Guess how he responded when it happened? He said, "I'm just happy someone else didn't do it." As a result of the incident, the painting is no longer for sale.

How DO you respond when bad things happen to you in life? Do you ask "why?" Do you gripe and complain? Do you secretly curse God? Do you simply accept it as a fact of life? Do you think that maybe God has some plan for you in mind by letting bad things happen to you? The fact is, none of us knows what is going to happen to

us during the remainder of our life. And, we won't know for sure how we will react until those things do happen to us. But, it doesn't hurt to think about it now, before those bad things or challenging things happen.

As we think about our response to the adversities of life, it would be good for us to focus on a few words from the Author of life, the One who controls everything. In 1 Cor. 10:13, Paul tells us that "... God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted (tested) beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted (tested), he also will provide a way out so you can **stand up under it.**"



Dr. Lane Seitz  
Minnesota South  
District President

Romans 8:28 assures us that "... in **all things** God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." And finally, Rom. 8:37 says convincingly, "No, in all these things **we are more than conquerors** through him who loved us." So, can we handle adversity? Absolutely! No matter what it is? Absolutely!

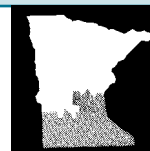
### Mission receipts from district congregations for the period ending July 31, 2009\*

<b>For the month ending July 31, 2009:</b>	
Anticipated amount (7.72% of budget**)	\$220,020
Actual receipts	<u>\$271,123</u>
<b>Over (under) amount</b>	<b>\$51,103</b>
<b>Year-to-date receipts:</b>	
Anticipated amount (58.3 % of budget**)	\$1,661,550
Actual receipts	<u>\$1,494,631</u>
<b>Over (under) anticipated amount</b>	<b>(\$166,919)</b>
<b>Use of mission receipts:</b>	
50% remitted to Synod (year-to-date/YTD)	\$747,316
50% for district operations (YTD)	<u>\$747,315</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$1,494,631</b>
<b>Mission receipts—compared with last year:</b>	
Mission receipts—YTD 2009	\$1,494,631
Mission receipts—YTD 2008	<u>\$1,549,651</u>
<b>Over (under) last year</b>	<b>(\$55,020)</b>

\* Fiscal Year End (FYE) is now Dec. 31  
\*\* Based on average receipts for the past five years, 2009 congregational receipts budgeted at \$2,850,000

#### MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

<b>Month of May 2009:</b>	
New investments	\$504,975
Withdrawals	<u>\$759,650</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<b>(\$254,674)</b>
<b>Year-to-date July 1, 2008-May 31, 2009:</b>	
New investments	\$9,397,359
Withdrawals	<u>\$10,858,839</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<b>(\$1,461,480)</b>



LCEF is helping to fund these new education wings at Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minn.

## Peace expands facilities

Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson needed to refurbish an outdated education wing and expand its facilities to continue to serve its more than 2,300 members, plus the surrounding community.

LCEF was blessed to help fund this extensive project. "Getting rid of the old glass block and replacing it with these beautiful, large windows might be my favorite part of the old education wing remodel," said Director of Christian Education Paul Berg.

The staff has felt very blessed to have Mike of Cutting Edge Construction, Inc. from Delano as their general contractor. For example, when the demand dropped off for construction materials, Mike was able to install granite countertops and window sills for less than their original order for pre-fabricated materials. It turned out beautifully.

For funding or service needs, please contact LCEF at [www.lcef.org](http://www.lcef.org) or 800-843-5233.



Education rooms were remodeled into more flexible space, plus the old glass block was replaced with larger, energy-efficient glass panes overlooking a courtyard.

## Volunteer now to staff health clinic

Trinity Lutheran Church's Latin-American Medical Mission Society (TLC LAMMS) seeks 10 to 12 volunteers for a health clinic Oct. 16-25 at Clinica Santa Cruz, Guatemala.

One physician, a surgeon, nurses (especially ER nurses), PAs, nurse practitioners, paramedics, etc., are needed. Projected cost per person (airfare, room, board, and tips) is \$2,500 or less.

If interested, call Rev. Charles Webb at 231-499-2139 or e-mail [cwwebb@charter.net](mailto:cwwebb@charter.net). Immunizations needed before going are minimal and can be found at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). Each participant is expected to take an extra suitcase containing over-the-counter medicines (aspirin, Tylenol, antibiotic/antifungal creams, antihistamines, bandages, BP cuffs, urine dipsticks, glucometers, etc.).

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*Assistant Pastor/Medical Missionary*

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## 10 tips for mission praying

1. Set prayer goals. Pray 30 minutes five days a week. While that may sound like "punching the clock," it's a great way to develop a habit.
2. Keep a prayer journal. This spiritual discipline will help you track your prayers and God's answers to them.
3. Make a prayer list. Many people don't pray because they don't know what to pray for. Make your list of missionaries, people, issues, and add to it over time. Like the journal, it will remind you what to pray for. Use the district's monthly "Prayer Page" and the LCMS "Pray for Us" page.
4. Pray through the newspaper. Instead of reading the news, pray the news!
5. Pray through your calendar. Don't just go to a meeting, pray about it beforehand. Start each day by praying through your calendar.
6. Set your alarm 30 minutes earlier. Jesus rose early to spend time with His Father in prayer; why not try it yourself?
7. Turn your commute into a prayer walk or prayer ride. Turn off the radio and tune in to God.
8. Pray with your spouse. Pray for family, neighbors, friends—especially those who are unchurched.
9. Pray through the Bible. Listen to God's voice as you read. Let your reading lead into prayer.
10. Pray the Lord's Prayer as a mission prayer. Use each petition to focus on an aspect of God's mission and your partnership in that mission.

# DISTRICT CONVENTION

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Elsie Cloeter (center) celebrated Holy Communion at the district convention worship service on June 11.

- Southeast Minnesota East—Tim Block of Family of Christ Lutheran in Rochester.

- Southeast Minnesota West—Matthew Drevlow of Trinity Lutheran in Faribault.

- Southwest Minnesota East—Lane Nordquist of Hosanna Lutheran in Mankato.

- Southwest Minnesota West—Gayle Baumgard of Bethel Lutheran in Round Lake.

## **New Member Congregation**

Delegates approved the application of the Alley Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove for membership into The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Parented by Woodbury Lutheran in Woodbury, this mission congregation is led by pastor Ben Griffin.

## **Offering total**

Worship offering totaled more than \$14,700 to support the Sudanese mission in Mankato.

Highlighting some of the more significant convention resolutions as follows:

1) Resolution 2-03—“To approve the application of The Alley Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove, Minn., for membership in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.”

This congregation, parented by Woodbury Lutheran Church, Woodbury, currently receives mission subsidy from both Woodbury Lutheran and the Minnesota South District.

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***The Alley is now the newest member congregation in the Minnesota South District.***

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The vote to accept The Alley into LCMS membership was passed by a percentage of 65.7 percent “yes” and 34.3 percent “no” votes. The Alley is now the newest member congregation in the Minnesota South District.

2) Resolution 1-02—“To declare the Board of Directors resolution regarding the use of the *Lutheran Service Book* in English-speaking mission congregations to be null and void.”

This resolution was passed by the delegates by 66 percent “yes,” and 34 percent “no” votes.

The district BOD had passed a resolution in the last triennium to require all English-speaking mission congregations to use the *LSB* in their worship services on a consistent basis.

3) Resolution 2-01B—“To revise the District Handbook to make the work of the District Nominating Committee more transparent.”

This will entail the committee publishing a complete and full list with pertinent information of each person suggested to the committee for consideration.

This list will be distributed in pre-convention materials through the secretary of the district and also will be found in the *Convention Manual*.

4) Resolution 3-01—“To equip and encourage members to share Christ confidently.”

This resolution was adopted to help our members focus their actions on outreach and to develop relationships to bring people to Christ. Specifically, all members in our congregations are encouraged to think of at least three people in their lives that do not presently know Christ and to pray for these people and look for opportunities to witness to them.

5) Resolution 3-02—“To encourage church multiplication as a means of reaching new people for Christ.”

This resolution was adopted to encourage a new zeal in mission planting in all our circuits. Each circuit is encouraged to partner in the planting of a new mission congregation or new ministry in their circuit.

6) Resolution 1-01—“To direct the District Board of Directors to hold a theological conference on the issue of women’s service in the church.”

This resolution was adopted, and the new Board of Directors will be charged with the task of organizing a theological conference that primarily addresses the roles of women’s service in the church.



**‘God’s GPS—Turn Right at the Light’—Convention 2010**

The Minnesota South District LWML Convention, “God’s GPS—Turn Right at the Light,” will be held June 25-27, 2010, at the Alltel Convention Center in Mankato. Attendees will be nourished by the Word, inspired with songs of praise, and encouraged in service to God and others through the many speakers and convention activities.

Convention delegates will have the awesome task of electing new officers (see related article below), setting a new mite goal for 2010-12, and voting for important mission grant proposals.

**Nominations for district LWML counselors, board members for 2010 district convention**

“... We pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us ...” You can experience God working through you as His vessel by serving the LWML this next biennium.

Opportunities to serve exist in the offices of president; vice presidents of Gospel outreach, communication, servant resources and human care; recording secretary; financial secretary; and as a member of the nominating committee.

Do you feel the Lord calling YOU to serve? Do you know a fellow sister in Christ who would make a good leader? Please notify any member of the Nominating Committee. (See contact information in the WOM.)

Deadlines to submit names are **Oct. 15** for pastoral counselors and **Jan. 15, 2010**, for all other offices.

**Mission grant proposals due Jan. 15, 2010**

Individual LWML members, zones, conferences, or LCMS-affiliated organizations may submit proposals for mission grants for the 2010-12 biennium. Directions and application forms are available on the Web site: [www.mnslwml.org](http://www.mnslwml.org). Mail 10 copies and supporting photos to the Gospel Outreach Chairman Beth Schuster, 3263 Sandeen Road, Arden Hills, MN 55112-7926 or e-mail [bdschust@msn.com](mailto:bdschust@msn.com). The deadline for submitting proposals for the June 2010 convention ballot is Jan. 15, 2010.

**LWMLers adopt \$1.825 million mission goal**

Delegates to the 33rd biennial convention of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League adopted a \$1.825 million mission goal for the 2009–11 biennium. It is the largest in the organization’s 67-year history and will fund a record 19 mission grants.

At the Portland convention, the exhibit area provided a pleasant break from convention proceedings.



More than 3,200 people attended the convention, held June 25-28 in Portland, Ore., under the theme “Look to the Hills ... God Reigns,” based on Ps. 121:1-2 and Is. 52:7. The LWML is the women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the second-largest Lutheran denomination in North America. The funds raised by the organization’s 250,000 members nationwide over the next two years will be used to support the following mission grants:

- Defray Costs of Shipping Quilts by Lutheran World Relief—\$80,000
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Food Bank Relocation—\$50,000
- The Carpenter’s Hands—Youth Refurbish Homes in Florida—\$26,000
- Psalm 69:14 Project—Emergency Disaster Aid in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana—\$50,000
- Digitize Classes for Specific Ministry Pastor Program, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.—\$36,000
- 10 Chapels, Transportation, and Pastoral Training in Tanzania—\$88,000
- Body and Soul Care for Children in India—\$50,000
- LCMS Prison Ministry Provides Devotional Materials—\$50,000
- Lutheran Braille Workers Provide English Braille Bibles—Africa—\$100,000
- Kyrgyzstan Locals Trained for Evangelism—\$100,000
- The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants—Ohio—\$90,000
- Human Care and Pastoral Ministries Developed in Latvia and Lithuania—\$87,500
- Mission Support to Disabled Children—Dominican Republic—\$50,000
- Native Leadership Scholarships for Students Enrolled in Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology—\$100,000
- Humanitarian Care Outreach in Kazakhstan—\$90,000
- International Student Ministry Provides Bibles and Christ-Oriented Resources—\$30,000
- Earthquake Relief Aid and Church Plants in Peru—\$100,000
- Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission—St. Louis—\$75,000
- Humanitarian Aid Opens Mission Field in North Korea—\$82,482



Young Women Representatives Nicoleen Meyer and Amy Vincelli receive their YWR pins from President Nancy Kohrs at the Minnesota South District caucus at the Portland convention.

# DISTRICT SONSHINE



Between services, Redeemer Lutheran Church and School members and guests enjoyed the celebration brunch.

## **Redeemer, Wayzata, celebrates 75 years**

Redeemer Lutheran Church and School in Wayzata is celebrating 75 years of ministry as a congregation and 30 years of ministry as a school. Celebration worship services and a brunch were held March 22. Mike Zimmer (assistant to the district president for missional formation), former minister of Christian education at Redeemer, was guest speaker.

A second event is planned for Oct. 4 with celebration worship services, followed by a community picnic with games and music. Former Redeemer Pastor Gerhard Bode, who currently serves Peace, Hutchinson, will deliver the sermon. Come, join the celebration.

## **Plan ahead for Christmas SONshine**

New Life Church—Lutheran put on a 2007 Christmas program with a focus on the difference between secular Christmas traditions and the true meaning of Christmas. The only necessary scenery was a “Christmas Window” and a poem that talked about the different Christmas traditions, interspersed with relevant Bible verses and Christmas songs. Since the church does not intend to use the “Christmas Window” display for a couple of years, it is offering it to others to use.

The use of the scenery, as well as the script used, is available to any local church that would like to use it for the 2009 or 2010 Christmas seasons.

Rev. Trueblood of St. John Lutheran Church in Fairmont used the program during Christmas 2008 and said, “The program itself went along without a hitch and was very much enjoyed by those who viewed it.”

St. John also made some improvements to the “window” to enhance its appearance and ease of delivery.

If you are interested, please contact Faith Rattei at [dco@newlifekirchechurchlutheran.org](mailto:dco@newlifekirchechurchlutheran.org) or 651-429-1975. First come, first served!

## **Independence Day at Camp Omega**

Camp Omega summer camp counselors joined in a special celebration on the Fourth of July at North Morristown. Because the weeklong campers had gone home July 3, the 4th was scheduled as an in-service day, and what a “service day” it was!

Thirty-two of the counselors spent three hours at the celebration working in the ice cream, popcorn, pie, barbecue sandwich, and hamburger stands. They also operated the games, all of which gave them a unique and, for most of them, a first exposure to a down-home Independence Day celebration.

“I couldn’t believe the level of cooperation among so many workers,” stated one of the counselors. “I walked into the stand and was immediately welcomed, trusted and ‘put in charge,’ even without anyone there knowing me!” she continued. “What an awesome experience!” Camp Omega is located just a couple miles from North Morristown and has been working in co-ministry for many years.



Shown in the photo are some Camp Omega summer camp counselors taking a photo-op break during the North Morristown Fourth of July Celebration.

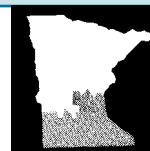
## **Holy Cross, Prior Lake, congregation to celebrate 20th anniversary**

Holy Cross invites you to celebrate its 20th anniversary at a 10 a.m. worship service on Sept. 20. Rev. Peter Meier, assistant to the district president for missions, will be guest speaker.

A catered dinner will be served at noon; reservations for the meal are encouraged. A program with a slide presentation will follow at 1 p.m.

The Foundation Quartet also will perform throughout the program.

Contact the church at 952-445-1779 or 14085 Pike Lake Trail, Prior Lake, MN 55372.



Family of Christ Lutheran in Houlton.

### **LCEF funds ministry in Houlton**

Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Houlton recently re-financed with LCEF. Family of Christ (FOC) Lutheran Church in Houlton, Wis., is located directly across the river from Stillwater and is a member congregation of the Minnesota South District.

The congregation recently chose to refinance with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

FOC is blessed with a beautiful, peaceful setting, and one it certainly is enjoying. Congregation members donated funds, materials, and sweat equity to build an outdoor worship space. Plus, since Pastor Mark Schreiber put himself through college and seminary by working in landscaping, he was able to bring a lot of experience to the table.

Every Sunday in the summer, weather permitting, FOC holds 8 a.m. services outdoors, complete with a babbling brook running in between the pews. It is idyllic and worth a visit!

If your LCMS church or school has refinancing needs, please contact your Minnesota South District LCEF Vice President Kurt Fuhr at 952-223-2163 or [kurt.fuhr@mnsdistrict.org](mailto:kurt.fuhr@mnsdistrict.org).

### **St. John, Wyckoff, celebrates 135 years**

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wyckoff will celebrate its 135th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 11. All members, former members, pastors, and teachers of St. John's are invited to join in a one-day celebration Oct. 11 as the congregation observes its founding 135 years ago.

Plans are being made for a special 9 a.m. divine service of praise and thanksgiving with guest speaker Rev. Peter Meier, assistant to the president in missions of the Minnesota South District. A meal will be served to all who attend, with a music fest planned for the afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

There will be ample time throughout the day for visiting, viewing displays, touring the facilities, as well as games and activities for the children.

The congregation of St. John Evangelical Lutheran

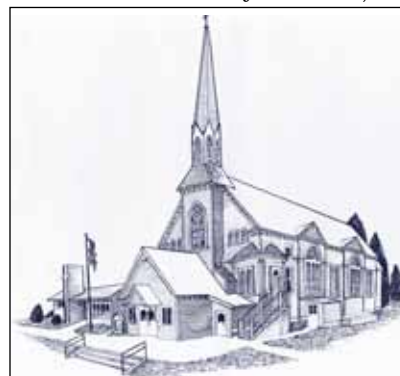
Church in Wyckoff was organized on Oct. 7, 1874, when 14 members signed the constitution. Two years later, in 1876, the congregation started its first school classes.

St. John Lutheran School still operates today. In 1891, the congregation voted to join

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Rev. Peter J. Sestak is the 12th (and current) pastor to serve the congregation. Sestak was installed as pastor in October 2001.

For information, call 507-352-2296 or e-mail [revpjs@yahoo.com](mailto:revpjs@yahoo.com).



### **Minnesotan joins LCEF's Architectural Advisory Committee**

Lutheran Church Extension Fund's (LCEF's) Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC) is a team of professional Lutheran architects and liturgical artists who advise on architectural design, planning, construction, and preservation of facilities for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod ministries.

The team now includes Stephen Krause, a practicing registered architect for 22 years in various states including Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. "I have been blessed to be involved in many church and school related design projects, both new and remodels," said Krause.

Krause' experience in the church is extensive including serving on the Minnesota South District Board of Directors since 2002, the district finance committee since 1990, and various projects with Laborers For Christ beginning in 1989.

He and his wife, Wendy, are members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Wayzata, Minn. They have four children and one grandson.

As an architectural adviser, Krause will meet with a congregation on a one-time basis for expenses only. Any further arrangements are between the congregation and the architect as an individual contractor.

For information about LCEF architectural services, contact your Minnesota South District Vice President Kurt Fuhr at 952-223-2163 or [kurt.fuhr@mnsdistrict.org](mailto:kurt.fuhr@mnsdistrict.org), or the national LCEF office at 800-843-5233.

# PERSONNEL CHANGES

## Personnel changes

### Accession and transfers into the District beginning April 1, 2009

REV. PAUL J. HAUGEN; emeritus Indiana District to emeritus MNS District, effective April 7.

REV. GREGORY A. KOEPEL; installed as pastor of Alive!, Monticello, June 7, by Rev. Peter Meier.

CANDIDATE MATTHEW D. LORFELD; (SL09) ordained and installed as pastor of Messiah, La Crescent, June 14, by Rev. Michael Hart.

REV. NORMAN E. NISSEN; emeritus MNN District to emeritus MNS District, effective June 25.

CANDIDATE GREGORY J. PAVELSKI; (SL09) ordained and installed as pastor of Trinity, Morristown and St. John, Kilkenny, April 19, by Dr. Victor Raj.

CANDIDATE DONAVON L. RILEY; (colloquy '09) ordained and installed as pastor of St. John, Webster, April 5, by Dr. Lane R. Seitz.

REV. TIMOTHY B. VAUGHAN; associate pastor, St. Paul, Henning (MNN), to senior pastor, Trinity, St. Francis, May 17, by Dr. Mark Noren.

REV. GARY W. ZIEROTH; associate pastor, St. Paul, Kingsville, Md. (Southeastern District), to senior pastor, St. John, Chaska, May 17, by Rev. Donald Adrix.

### Changes within the district

REV. ROBERT J. BURMEISTER; candidate status to non-candidate status, effective June 1.

REV. JOHN G. FUCHS; emeritus status to pastor, Immanuel, Elgin and St. John Hammond, May 1, 2008, by Dr. Lane R. Seitz.

REV. ALAN C. REHWALDT; pastor, St. Peter, Afton, to candidate status, effective June 15.

REV. DENNIS E. STARR; pastor, Holy Emmanuel, Bloomington, to candidate status, effective June 1.

### Deaths in the district

REV. ROGER E. RAEBEL; called to glory May 26.

### Congregational changes

BETHEL LIBERIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH; new church start of MNS District, effective March 30, 2008.

NEEJ TSHIAB (NEW LIFE) LUTHERAN CHURCH; new church start of MNS District, effective Feb. 24.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, Burnsville, resigned its membership in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, effective May 21.

THE ALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Cottage Grove, became a member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, effective June 21.



### Commissioned minister accessions and transfers into district beginning April 1

CANDIDATE LUZ GUERRERO (SL08), to Concordia University, St. Paul, installed/commissioned on May 20 by Dr. Robert Holst.

EMILY LAPLANT (IN), non-

candidate on April 16.

LEROY WILKE (MO), emeritus on May 14.

### Changes within the district

MELISSA AMENDT, Trinity Lone Oak, Eagan, to non-candidate status on May 29.

CYNTHIA ANDERSEN, candidate status to Rochester Central Lutheran School, Rochester, installed on May 31 by Rev. William Otte.

AMY FUHRY, King of Glory, Blaine, to candidate status on April 25.

RONALD KETCHER, candidate to non-candidate on June 16.

MARCIA DIMMEL-SCHULTZ, non-candidate to non-candidate on June 9.

TIMOTHY STROMING, Christ Victorious, Chaska, to non-candidate, on March 13.

ELIZABETH THOMPSON, Christ Victorious, Chaska, to non-candidate, on Dec. 1, 2008.

### Removed/Resigned from synodical roster

TERRI PROCHNOW, St. Paul, Fairmont, resigned on May 30.

### Retired/emeritus

HELEN TESCH, Family of Christ, Ham Lake, to emeritus, on Dec. 16, 2007.

### New school opening

JOY ACADEMY, St. Paul, Minn., on May 17.

### School closings

MOUNT HOPE/REDEMPTION LUTHERAN SCHOOL, Bloomington, on June 30.

CONCORDIA ACADEMY, Bloomington, on June 30.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL, Hutchinson, on May 31.

MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN SCHOOL, Richfield, on June 30.