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SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

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WORD FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, "**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**" John 20:29

NEWS

Important Dates 2009 District Convention: Transformed For His Mission - Romans 12:2. **Convention Documents** available on the MNS District website. **May 2, 2009 Floor Committee Meetings @ Buenger Education Center, Concordia University, St. Paul.**

COUNTDOWN TO CONVENTION - 51 Days

PETITION IN ADVANCE OF THE CONVENTION: For Sunday, April 26 – Easter 3: Father, You have ***transformed*** us by Your love to be Your children, enable us more and more to understand Your Holy Scriptures that we might comprehend them and be equipped to share in the fruits of the ***mission*** of Your Son, being witnesses of His work of salvation and in the power of Your Spirit take up the responsibility of telling everyone what He has done. Lord in Your mercy...

DISTRICT CONVENTION USED BOOK FAIR will offer a unique opportunity to dispose of or purchase theological or religious books at a reasonable cost. All books must be shipped/delivered to the District Office by **May 20, 2009. *More information to come.***

COINS FOR MISSIONS OFFERING to support the **Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran Mission Congregation of Southern Minnesota**. All members of each congregation of MNS are asked to participate by bringing coins to church each week until Sun., June 7 depositing them into an appropriate receptacle. Then, the pastoral and lay delegates of each congregation are asked to bring those **coins** to the convention. During the **Convention's Opening Service** the delegates will be given the opportunity to "***make a joyful noise to the LORD***" as the coins are deposited into the Coins for Missions collection buckets.

FAN INTO FLAME update as of **Friday, April 17:**

LCMS National Campaign - **\$46,122,199.00**

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

Networking with Congregations (*as of 4/17*) 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

[Lutheran Youth Fellowship Day at Valleyfair](#) – Mon., June 22, 2009 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Camp Omega Upcoming Events and Retreats:

Camp Omega Day – Sat., June 6, 2009 – **FREE!** Activities include a picnic-style lunch, swimming, hayrides, pontoon rides, and a variety of other staff-led camp activities.

Camp Omega SUNDAY - June 7, 2009 – offers an opportunity District wide to...

1. Recognize the ministry of Camp Omega in the weekend services;
2. Indicate the first day in which Camp Omega begins receiving summer campers;
3. Petition for lives to be changed by the Spirit through the Gospel message shared;
4. Receive an offering toward the ministry of Camp Omega.

MISSION NEWS

The Minnesota South District LWML invites women of our congregations to go on a Mission Trip within our District, or to support this event with prayers and a blanket ingathering. Check out details for the [Twin Cities VBS Mission Trip](#), July 19-23, on the campus of Concordia University, St. Paul.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Join the MNS District Staff this week in praying for the **Congregations of the Mankato Circuit:** Immanuel, Courtland; St. John, Good Thunder; Trinity, Lake Crystal; Salem, Madelia; Campus Lutheran Chapel, Mankato; Hosanna, Mankato; Our Savior, Mankato; St. John, Mankato; Redeemer, New Ulm; Good Shepherd, North Mankato; and St. Peter, Vernon Center.

For the **Rev. Norman Discher** (emeritus) who is dealing with health issues resulting from a heart attack suffered on March 10.

Download [MNS Mission Prayers](#) for April.

CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

[Commissioned Ministers](#) (as of 4/20)

[Ordained Ministers](#) (as of 4/17)

ORDINATIONS, INSTALLATIONS, ANNIVERSARIES

Immediately after being ordained, the **Rev. Gregory Pavelski** was installed as pastor of **St. John, Kilkenny** and **Trinity, Morristown** on **Sunday, 4/19/09**.

CONGRATULATIONS

The **Rev. J. Christian Strickland** & wife **Cindy** (St. John, Atwater) rejoice in the birth of a son, **Micah Luke** (9lbs. 12 oz.), Friday, April 3, 2009, and received his second birth April 12, Easter Sunday.

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