

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTEBOOK

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MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT

California Wildfires



Mercy forever.

The massive wildfires blazing in California have captured the country's attention, scorching over 425,000 acres, displacing one million residents, and imperiling new areas as winds shift

You can help recovery efforts by offering prayer as well as a monetary gift. Read the letter below from LCMS World Relief and Human Care and prayerfully consider how you'd like to respond.

"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Right now a great number of our dear LCMS people have had their lives severely disrupted by the fires in California. Some

have lost their homes completely. Many others are deeply involved in relief efforts, such as providing shelter for evacuees. Our congregations have put their collective shoulders to the task of providing care in the name of Christ.

There is urgent need. Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau, President of the Pacific Southwest District, appealed to us for all the help LCMS World Relief and Human Care can muster. Please make a gift today. Please also encourage your congregations to take an offering for our brothers and sisters suffering in southern California and those assisting them. The need is critical and ongoing. Our available disaster funds are extremely low — your gifts are vital to this ministry of mercy!

LCMS World Relief and Human Care has provided an initial grant of \$50,000 to the Pacific Southwest District so they can reach

out to their members and neighbors in need. The PSW District has already spent all of its reserve disaster funds; more funds are desperately needed.

Please pray for these people, that they would be spared from harm and further destruction. Pray for cooler weather and that the winds would subside, so the flames can be contained. And pray that God's Spirit would strengthen all who are sharing His mercy with those who have lost everything but their lives."

Chapel offerings or special donations can be designated for the Pacific Southwest District Fire Fund. Please send your gifts to the PSW District office, 1540 Concordia East, Irvine, CA, 92612-3203.

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National LCMS Children's Ministry Conference



CHRIST + CHILDREN + COMMUNITY

The 2008 National LCMS Children's Ministry Conference is designed to provide learning experiences, but more importantly to immerse participants in Scripture-based experiences focused on mission and ministry with children.

Planned to shape, nurture, and equip people for continuing service in the kingdom of God, the National Children's Ministry Conference will expand and enhance people's imagination, thinking, and skills in the area of children's ministry. The conference will provide training and resources for creating and nurturing climates and cultures that are Christ-centered, child and family focused, and invitational.

Be a part of this gathering of God's people. Children and adults - all generations - will gather in the Chicago

area on July 11-13, 2008. Join in celebrating with uncompromising conviction, "This Jesus is like no other, He is Christ, the Son of God."

Highlights: Children, celebration, St. Peter's campus, dynamic worship and Bible study, Festival of Music and the Arts, Children's Art Show, outstanding keynotes and workshops, "Coffee House" visit with the experts, Ministry Market Place and more.

Who Should Attend: People leading and serving in areas of children's ministry and family ministry. Attendees will include Professional and Volunteer Teachers, Directors' of Children's Ministry, Directors of Christian Education, Early Childhood Program Directors and Teachers, Directors of Family Ministry, Sunday School Superintendents, Pastors, those serving in Sunday School, VBS, Summer

Camps, School Age Care ministries, Church Nurseries and others.

Host Congregation:
**St. Peter Lutheran
Church**

**Schaumburg, Illinois
(Near Chicago)**

Registration Fees:

Persons 1 and 2:

\$145 per person

**Special rates for
groups attending
from the same con-
gregation/school.**

Persons 3, 4, 5+:

\$120 per person

Limited scholarships are available. Scholarship requests should be submitted in writing to: LCMS Children's Ministry, no later than April 1, 2008. Watch for further information in future issues of the Administrators' Notebook.

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Student Desks Available



St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Worthington, has 86 student desks available at no cost. The desks have a steel

frame, rack for books under the seat, and wood desktop. They are in excellent condition. You may contact

Rev. Robert Schulze at 507-376-6168 or e-mail at

schulzer@frontiernet.net

“Hearts for Jesus” Project 2007-2008

By now our schools and congregations should have received “The Servant’s Heart” material in the mail. Make sure you have returned the Bracelet Order Form and have finalized plans for participation in this year’s project.

Coins For Kids links school children in the United States with school children in Guatemala who are moving out of the garbage dump into grace. The children have grown up in a section of Guatemala City where most are squatters on a

landfill and seek to make a living literally scavenging in the dump. Their lives have been positively influenced and are dramatically different due to the work of “Servant’s Heart”. Your participation is encouraged and appreciated.



“Coins for Kids” 2007-08
Hearts for Jesus Project

Crisis Plan

Last month one of our Lutheran high schools had a building security issue that required them to put into action their Crisis Plan. “The

professionalism of the faculty and staff and the cooperation of the students were exemplary.”

Do you have a Crisis Plan? Have you practiced your Crisis Plan procedures?

Camp Omega Support

Congregations and schools in the MNS District are blessed to have our own Lutheran camp. Camp Omega provides outdoor education experiences, retreats for your leadership team, summer

camp experiences, and many other opportunities for growth and learning. Please also remember Camp Omega as a possible chapel offering recipient. Mr. Bob LaCroix, Camp Director, would

be happy to share information about Camp Omega and how the camp can serve your needs. You may contact him at (507) 685-4266 or e-mail:

bob@campomega.org



Find out how
Camp Omega
can serve your
needs.

Statistical Reports Still Needed

Have you seen the 2007-2008 School Statistical Report that was mailed to your school from St. Louis? Have you filled out the report and returned the original AND a copy to the MNS District. They were due October 15, but Synod will still accept them.

Subscribers to the Lutheran School Portal are able to access the statistical form, complete

and return it via the Portal. If you complete it on the Portal, you do not need to send us or the School Ministry a copy. We can download it from the Portal.

Just one more reason why you should consider subscribing to the Portal. The data you report increases the effectiveness of district and national leadership as they advocate for

programs and services on your behalf.

****Please check to make sure you have sent a copy of your Lutheran Annual Form into the District Office. It was due on September 15. The original should be sent to Rosters and Statistics in St. Louis.**



Thank you to your teachers for returning their Jubilarian form for years of service in the teaching ministry of the LCMS. During the month of November we will be preparing the certificates and other awards to be mailed to your congregation or association school. Hopefully, your congregation and/or school will recognize the Jubilarians in a significant way during the 2007-2008 school year. During the MNS District Education Conference in October of 2008, we will also recognize the 2007 recipients.

Jubilarians 2007

50 Years

Erlen Schroeder—St. John's, Norwood Young America

40 Years

Rich Carter—Concordia University, St. Paul

35 Years

Daniel Kimble—St. John's, Norwood Young America

Warren Schmidt—Trinity, Morristown

Susan Schutte—St. John's, Corcoran

Muriel Stark—Our Savior's, Excelsior

Natalie Timm—Rochester Central, Rochester

30 Years

Michael Aurich—Concordia Academy, Roseville

Rae Brisbin—St. John's, Elk River

Rhonda Dedor—St. Paul, Chatfield

Sandy Engelhardt—Immanuel, Lewiston

Jennifer Hart—St. Paul's, Prior Lake

Julie Preus—St. John's, Corcoran

Connie Souza—Redeemer, Wayzata

Daniel Wacker—St. Mark, New Germany

25 Years

Renee Bartels—St. John's, Norwood Young America

Carolyn Garman—Good Shepherd, North Mankato

Barbara Huebner—Our Savior, Hutchinson

2007 Jubilarians

(Continued)

25 Years

Phillip Johnson—Concordia University, St. Paul

Juanita Krueger—Christ, Shakopee

Ann Mussell—Immanuel, Plainview

Beverly Schmidtke—Trinity, Janesville

Daniel Young—St. John's, Norwood Young America

Michael Zimmer—Lutheran High, Mayer

20 Years

Michele Boehlke—Christ Community, Watertown

Kimberly Burns—Concordia-Immanuel, Red Wing

Barbara Hoback—Lutheran High, Mayer

Ingrid Huelsnitz—Trinity, Janesville

Barbara Lutringer—Immanuel, Plainview

Marletta Rohwer—King of Kings, Roseville

Kevin Wilaby—Lutheran High, Mayer

15 Years

Timothy Bierbaum—Lutheran High, Mayer

Jeff Boehlke—Christ Community, Watertown

John Chilman—Concordia Academy, Roseville

Lisa Cole—St. Peter's, Gibbon

Paul Engelby—St. Paul's, Fairmont

Jennifer Hall—Golden Valley, Golden Valley

Nadine Noble—Christ, Egan

Henry Pahlkotter—Rochester Central, Rochester

Cindy Wolter—St. James, Northrop

Lutheran Educators Call Update - as of October 31, 2007

Accepted	From	To
None at this time		
Pending	From	To
None at this time		
Declined	From	To
Timothy Wells	Wadena, MN	Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato DCE
Calling Congregations		For
St. Paul's Lutheran Church/School, Fairmont		Music Director
Rose of Sharon Sunshine Preschool, Cottage Grove		Teacher (Pre-K)
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mankato		DCE
Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Ham Lake		DCE

Nov. 1 School Visit - Truman	Dec. 11 School Visit – Mankato
Nov. 8 Region 1 Principals, CSP, Noon	Dec. 13 School Visit – Northrop (St. James)
Nov. 9 Schools/Commissioned Ministers, Conference Call, 1:00 PM	Jan. 5 District Accreditation Commission, District office, 9:00 – Noon
Nov. 12 Region 3 Principals, Rochester, 1:30 PM	Jan. 10 Region 1 Principals, CSP, Noon
Nov. 12 Education Conference Executive Board, Conference Call, 4:00PM	Jan. 14 Region 3 Principals, Rochester, 1:30PM
Nov. 13 School Visit – Fairmont	Jan. 17 LEA Convocation Planning Team (Dave), 8:00 AM
Nov. 15 LEA Convocation Planning Team (Dave), Mlps, 8:00 AM	Jan. 17 Region 2 Principals, NYA, Noon
Nov. 15 Region 2 Principals, NYA, Noon	Jan. 17 Region 4 Principals, Truman, 12:30 PM
Nov. 16 LEA Convocation Planning Team (Dave) Mlps, 8:00 AM	Jan. 18 LEA Convocation Planning Team (Dave), 8:00 AM.
Nov. 19 School Visit - Courtland	Feb. 5 Administrators' In-service # 2, Redemption Bloomington
Nov. 20 Region 4 Principals, Fairmont, 12:30 PM	Feb. 28 High School Administrators, Cannon Valley HS, 9:30 AM
Nov. 22-23 Thanksgiving Vacation	Feb. 29 & Mar. 1 MN Early Childhood Conference, CSP
Nov. 27 Education Conference, Program Committee, District office, 1:30 PM	April 24-26 LEA Convocation, Minneapolis
Nov. 29 High School Administrators, CA-Roseville, 9:15PM	

Mark Your Calendar

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The mission of the Schools/Commissioned Ministers of the Minnesota South District is to encourage, support, and promote the ministry of Lutheran schools/congregations and to nurture and equip those who carry out that professional educational ministry, so that Christ is proclaimed and the body of Christ may be built up.

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O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good ;

we thank God for:

- The 550+ Lutheran educators who share Jesus Christ in our Lutheran schools (early childhood, elementary, high school) in the Minnesota South District. You are special and God loves you!
- Concordia University - St. Paul who provides post-secondary education in the context of the Gospel.
- The lay members of our churches and schools who provide hours of volunteer work as they serve on boards, committees, and provide valuable leadership.
- Mr. Bill Cochran, School Director, LCMS; Mr. Terry Schmidt, Assistant School Director, LCMS; Judy Christian and Lori Aadsen, LCMS

Child Ministry Department, and Willie Stallworth, Black Ministry-Schools, LCMS.

- President Lane R. Seitz and the Executive and Support Staff of the Minnesota South District office.
- **Jesus Christ who died for our sins and gives us the free gift of eternal life.**
- The Directors of Christian Education, Directors of Christian Outreach, Music Directors, Deaconesses, Directors of Family Life, and Lay Ministers who provide effective ministry to our congregations in the Minnesota South District.
- The pastors of our congregations sharing the Gospel message in truth and purity to His people.
- The lost who need to hear the precious Word of God.
- President Gerald Kieschnick,

Vice-Presidents of the LCMS, workers at the International Center of the LCMS, and the missionaries of the LCMS.

- Bible classes and small groups that study God's Word and grow in their faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- The Eucharist which means thanksgiving.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with remembrances

May your Thanksgiving be filled with renewal

May your Thanksgiving be filled with rejoicing

As we join together in praise and glory to our

God who in Christ Jesus has given us reason

for Thanksgiving.

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