



MNS WEEKLY e-NEWS

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District Mission Statement:

Developing Missional Leaders in Congregations and Schools

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Please share this information with others in your congregation!

NEWS

Please join us in welcoming **Rev. Dr. Mark Noren** to the district office; he has accepted the call to serve as **Executive Assistant to the President** of the MN South District and will begin his duties as of April 5, 2010. Congratulations and God's blessings Mark!

The **LCEF Update, April 2010 newsletter** is now available, please [click here](#). Be sure to check out the story on themed classroom spaces at Spirit of Christ, Ham Lake.

BRTFSSG...a copy of videos and presentation information, including powerpoint slide shows, from a regional gathering of the **Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance (BRTFSSG)** is now available on the LCMS website. Visit www.lcms.org/lcmsfuture and click on "View Now" under the "Regional Gathering Presentations, Video, and Q&A" header to access this information.

Concordia Sunday, designated for **April 18**, is an opportunity to share the ministries of our colleges and universities with the members of all LCMS congregations. Materials (brochures, bulletin inserts, envelopes for financial support, etc.) are available from the Board for University Education (BUE). Please [click here](#) for more information.

Networking Resources with Congregations (as of 03/26)

Lost and Found! will be in concert at Trinity, Faribault on April 13 @ 7:00 PM. Please [click here](#) for additional information.

The annual **Vine and Branches Conference** on worship to be held at Immanuel, Lakefield on April 17. Please [click here](#) to check it out, or go to the website at www.vineandbranchesconference.org

LCMS Vacancy Report...please [click here](#) to check out the statistics on pastoral vacancies in our church body.

Restore!...Shepherd's Canyon Retreats have announced their upcoming retreat schedule. Please [click here](#) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS



MN Ablaze 2010! Registration Deadline of March 31!

Download your registration at www.mnablaze.org, and **send it today!** We'll see you at Beautiful Savior, Plymouth on **April 10!**

Camp Omega online hosting of a "Gadget Drive"...through Gazelle to raise money for their **Campership Fund**. A "gadget drive" is a new way to fundraise that turns used electronics (laptops, cell phones, MP3 players, digital cameras & more) into cash to support a cause. If you would like to donate, please go to the website at www.campomega.gazelle.com and learn more about the drive and track its progress.



Open Arms Conference coming in MN South! The goal of Open Arms is to encourage and enable quality Lutheran childcare ministry in connection with new church planting or expanded Gospel outreach. Their next conference, **"Connecting with your Community through Childcare"** will be at **Eastern Heights, St. Paul on Apr. 29-31**. Please visit their website at www.openarmsinstitute.com for more information on registration.

[Camp Omega Events](#)

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

MISSION NEWS

Kalia Lo, missionary to Cambodia and Thailand, will have pictures and stories to share that reflect the miracles taking place in Asia through her work for CWF – Concordia Welfare & Education Foundation – LCMS. Scheduled events are April 1 @ 10:30 AM at Redeemer, 4201 Regent Ave N, Robbinsdale; April 3 @ 6:00 PM at Grace Liberian Bible Study Group, 6810 Winnetka Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN, and April 4 @ 10:30 AM at Neej Tshiab Hmong @ Redeemer Lutheran, 4201 Regent Ave N, Robbinsdale, MN.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please join us this week in praying for the congregations of **Circuit #13 – Rochester Circuit**. [Please click here](#) for **maps of the District and all Circuits**.

Prayers for the family of **Rev. Norman Nissen** who passed away last week. Visitation was held March 27, at Holy Cross, Prior Lake. The funeral was held at Faith, Fergus Falls on Monday, March 29. If you would like to send a card to the family, Mrs. Eunice Nissen resides at 13810 Shepherd's Path #113, Prior Lake, MN 55379.

250 New Ministries...prayers for all of our congregations to enact the District Convention resolution to start new ministries...to be thinking, planning and acting on how to do outreach to their communities. **Prayers that all of our congregations can find various ways to serve and connect to their communities.** Amen and Amen! Please keep us posted on your success stories...

Prayers for 3 People...prayers for continued diligence as we lift up in our prayers at least **three people in our lives that we know who need to be connected to Jesus**. Please keep us informed as to how the Holy Spirit is working in these people's lives.

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[Commissioned Ministers](#) (as of 03/26)

[Ordained Ministers](#) (as of 03/26)

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