



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 [click here](#) to view President Kieschnick's visit to earthquake torn **Haiti** and to check out the **LCMS relief efforts**. Please keep those helping on relief teams in your prayers.

Please join us in welcoming **Rev. 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!

BRTFSSG...a copy of the videos and other presentation information, including the power point 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.

For current **LCEF investment and loan rates**, featured ministries such as Mount Olive, Anoka and updates regarding LCEF products such as the free stewardship service, Joyful Response® . . . View this [MARCH 2010 issue of the Upper Midwest LCEF Update](#) newsletter featuring LCMS ministries and Lutheran Church Extension Fund investments, loans and services.

Networking Resources with Congregations (as of 03/19)

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.

German books sought...we are seeking donations of German picture Bible and German books to share with a community of German speaking Christians in the Dakotas. Please [click here](#) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS



MN Ablaze 2010! Get Thee Registered!

It's all about outreach!...check out www.mnablaze.org to download a registration form. Bring a group and we'll see you at Beautiful Savior, Plymouth on **April 10!**

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 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. Contributing is simple...just visit the drive website, find the value of the gadgets you would like to donate, and send them to Gazelle (the shipping is free). 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. You will receive a confirmation of any donations via e-mail. Thank you in advance for your support!

Rev. Ken Klaus, Lutheran Hour Speaker will be preaching at **Grace Lutheran Church, Rochester** on **March 27-28, 2010**. Service times on Saturday are 6 PM and on Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 AM. There will be a lunch served after the 10:30 service.

[Camp Omega Events](#)

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

MISSION NEWS

The **March 2010 Mission Prayer Page** has been completed. Please [click here](#) for detailed information on prayers for our mission work and missionaries of the District.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please join us this week in praying for the congregations of **Circuit #12 – Winona Circuit**. [Please click here](#) for **maps of the District and all Circuits**.

Prayers for the family of **Dolores Franzmeier**, wife of Rev. Wilbur Franzmeier, who passed away on Sunday, March 14. Her funeral was held Thursday, March 18, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Farmington.

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.

CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

[Commissioned Ministers](#) (as of 03/19)

[Ordained Ministers](#) (as of 03/19)

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