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WORD FOR THE WEEK

[Christ] humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 8:2b

HOLY WEEK & EASTER GREETING

MAY THE LORD GOD BLESS YOU THIS MOST HOLY OF WEEKS AND GRANT YOU A JOY-FILLED EASTER CELEBRATION—FROM ALL OF US WHO SERVE WITH YOU AT THE LCMS MNS DISTRICT OFFICE.

NEWS

Important Dates 2009 District Convention: **Transformed For His Mission - Romans 12:2**. All other **Convention Documents** are available on the MNS District website. **THIS Saturday, April 11, 2009** – Deadline for registrations ***($50.00 late fee after this date).***

Convention PASTOR'S WIVES' DAY – Friday, June 12th – 10am -3pm – CSP, Meyer Hall, Classroom #211 Registration deadline for sessions and lunch is June 1 – contact Barbara Dahl @ **jbdahl67@hotmail.com** or Lynn Kroonblawd @ **kroonblawd86@q.com**

Fan into Flame update as of **Friday, April 3:**
LCMS National Campaign - **$45,642,463.00**
Minnesota South District - **$1,904,929.00** *(toward the National Campaign)*

LCEF partners with LCMS churches and schools. View the April issue of LCEF Update to learn how church extension supports Deaf ministry and Christian childcare in Iowa, camp ministry in Wisconsin and Consecrated Stewards in Arlington, Minnesota.

Northstar Chapter of the Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE) extends an invitation to Pastors and lay stewardship workers to a Spring Workshop, Friday, April 27 @ Luther Seminary, 11:30 AM – 1 PM, Lunch and presentation $12.00.

UPDATES TO CONCORDIA PLANS SERVICE WEB SITE. Cafeteria Plan; CHP SPD Insert; Seminary Students news article; Seminary Students' page under Who Am I? Student; Seminary Student page under Healthcare/CHP; New preventive care providers letters; Dental health from CIGNA; The "providers" link was updated to include Minnesota Life—only referencing their role as administrator of supplemental life insurance.

Networking with Congregations ***(as of 4/3)*** 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

Jr. High Youth Gathering at CSP on **Fri. & Sat., April 24 & 25**.

National Lutheran Youth Workers Conference, July 16-19, 2009, Sheraton Hotel, New Orleans. Registration fee goes up after May 1, 2009.

Invite a High School student (9th-12th grades) to attend Concordia University's **FREE** **Exploring Church Careers Weekend** held **April 24 & 25, 2009**. Contact Emily Siegel **siegel@csp.edu** or **651-603-6288**.

MISSION NEWS

Although we, as Christ's church, are on a separate track from the world, our outreach should intersect with the world's needs. Read **Essential Evangelism in Today's Economy** in the latest Lutheran Hour Ministries' "Equipping to Share" newsletter. Also be sure to check out the many excellent **Outreach Resources** offered by LHM.

Go global! Check out the **Short and Long-term volunteer mission trips** for both individuals and teams which are currently available through LCMS World Mission.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Join the MNS District Staff this week in praying for the **Congregations of the Lyndale East Circuit:** Rose of Sharon, Cottage Grove; Praise, Eagan; Trinity, Eagan; Trinity, Farmington; Shepherd of the Valley, Hastings; Emanuel, Inver Grove Heights; Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Rosemount; St. John, Rosemount; and Concordia, South St. Paul.

Dawn Schuetz, wife of Rev. John Schuetz (Our Redeemer, Jackson) who is hospitalized in Spirit Lake, IA, recuperating from double pneumonia.

Download **MNS Mission Prayers** for April.

CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

Commissioned Ministers ***(as of 3/24)*** **Ordained Ministers** ***(as of 4/3)***

ORDINATIONS, INSTALLATIONS, ANNIVERSARIES

Immediately after being ordained, the **Rev. Donovan Riley** was then installed as pastor of **St. John Lutheran Church, Webster** on **Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5, 2009**.

CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate with the congregation of **St. John, Buffalo** who dedicated a new Family Life Center on **Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5, 2009**. This is a new multi-purpose space that will serve both the congregation and the community. Their loan was done through LCEF.

CONGRATULATIONS

The **Rev. Greg Koepsell** & wife **Kimberly** (Alive!, Monticello) rejoice in the birth of a daughter, Kinsey Lorraine (9lbs. 14 oz.), Thursday, April 2, 2009.

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