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WORD FOR THE WEEK

**You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.
Luke 1:31-32a**

NEWS

Please check out a [Christmas greeting from President Kieschnick](#) at the LCMS website.

Minnesota Non-Profit Corporations (including churches) are required to renew their status with the Secretary of State **each year**. Failure to do so results in the administrative dissolution of the corporation. To retain good standing, your renewal must be filed (no fee required) **by December 31, 2009**. Renewing online takes only a few minutes. To do so, go to online.sos.state.mn.us/abr and enter your file number and entity type. Steps to find your file number or entity type, if you don't know them, are located on this website. You may also file by mail. To do so, download a form from the Minnesota state website at www.sos.state.mn.us. Click on "Forms," then "Business and Non-Profit Forms," then your entity type. If you have questions, you may call the Secretary of State's Office at: 651-296-2803, or toll free at 1-877-551-6767.

As of 01/01/2010, the [IRS business mileage rate](#) is changing from .55 to .50 per mile.

▪ [Networking Resources with Congregations](#) (as of 12/18)

The [Dare to Dream](#) conference will address how to be a positive influence in building relationships with people from other cultures. This conference, sponsored by LINC-Twin Cities will be held January 26, 2010.

Interested in healthy internal church relationships?...An [Elder's retreat](#) will be offered January 29-30, 2010 at Concordia University, St. Paul with Rev. Matthew Harrison as the keynote speaker.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SAVE THE DATE for the next MN Ablaze event, **April 10, 2010**. For more information, visit our website at www.mnablaze.org.

[BECOMING TRANSFORMED FOR HIS MISSION: Passing On Vibrant Faith—Romans 12:2](#) conference workshops are scheduled throughout the District in early 2010.

[Camp Omega Events and Retreats](#) ...check out [Winter Daze registration!](#)

MISSION NEWS

[Ministry Innovation Workshop, January 30, 2010](#) held at Cross View, Edina – **Goal of 250 New Ministries** in the District. This event is co-sponsored by MN South District, OHSCO and LINC-Twin Cities.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Download [MNS Mission Prayers for December](#). Also available on the District website are [The MNS Mission Prayers for December in booklet form](#).

Join us this week in praying for the congregations of [Circuit #21 – Blue Earth Circuit](#), and also prayers for the congregations of [Circuit #22 – Sherburn Circuit](#).

Prayers for the family of **Rev. Dick Goebel** who died Dec. 20, 2009. Visitation will be Dec. 22, 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Bethel, St. Paul. The funeral will be Dec. 23 at Zion, St. Paul (Sycamore and Jackson Street) at 11:00 AM, visitation beforehand starting at 10:00 AM.

Prayers for **Rev. Dennis Starr**...and some serious health issues, as he will be having surgery next week (Dec. 28 or 29) to replace a heart valve and repair an aortic aneurysm.

Prayers for **Dave Roth**, Assistant to the President, Minnesota South District office, who is scheduled to undergo heart bypass surgery on Dec. 21.

Prayers of thanksgiving and congratulations as **Rev. Wesley Hafner** will be installed on Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 2:00 PM. Pastor Hafner will be serving the dual parish of St. Paul and Immanuel at Blue Earth.

CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

[Commissioned Ministers](#) (as of 12/7)

[Ordained Ministers](#) (as of 12/18)

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