



DEVELOPING MISSIONAL LEADERS IN CONGREGATIONS AND SCHOOLS

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NEWS

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Build A Military Friendly Faith Community, February 22, 2011, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Autumn Ridge Church, 3611 Salem Road SW, Rochester, MN. Record numbers of Minnesota soldiers are now, or will be deployed to fulltime service. Learn to better care for military families, and gain important understanding about reintegration challenges. Register by calling 507-287-2200 on or before February 17, 2011.

[Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis Scholarships available.](#)

Candidates for the scholarship awards must be members of a congregation in the Minnesota South District of the LCMS, in their third or fourth year of full-time study at an LCMS school and pursuing a career in professional ministry or lay ministry. Application deadline June 1, 2011.

[2011 Minnesota South Theological Convocation](#), February 26, 2011, Hosanna, Mankato.

HAMMOND, MINNESOTA FLOOD RECOVERY. Crews are still needed throughout the winter. Thank you to all who have served. Further questions? Contact Vicki Strong, 651-730-5049, strongv@woodburylutheran.org. Flood Relief donations may be sent to the Minnesota South District, 14301 Grand Ave. So., Burnsville, MN 55306. Please mark your check "flood relief".

[Networking Resources](#). (Refreshed 02-04-11) **Events in and around the MNS District.** *"Equipping To Share"* workshop; Witnessing Workshops- focus Muslims; Creation Speaker Brian Young; Readiness For Marriage; 2011 MNS District Theological Convocation; Concordia St. Paul news.

[January 2011 LCEF Update](#) – if you haven't started your own Family Emergency Steward Account yet, check into it for 2011

[Weekly Classifieds](#). (Refreshed 02-04-11) Jobs, stuff. Would you like to get an item included?

[District website](#)

[District Calendar](#)

[Camp Omega Events](#)

Change of address? Change of e-mail address? A new staff member? Change of Contact information? Additional e-mail addresses? [Contact the Minnesota South District](#)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER- (CAN BE INCLUDED IN YOUR SUNDAY BULLETINS OR NEWSLETTERS)

The problem of money is summed up by Jesus: "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money" (Matthew 6:24). Jesus is not telling us that we should not serve both God and money nor is He saying that we must not serve both God and money. He is saying that it is impossible to serve both God and money. We will either serve God or we will serve our money and the things that money can buy. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to choose God over our money.

["HAVE A HEART"](#) -A stewardship newsletter article is available for your use on the MSN District website.

Resources

Watch the latest [Mission Videos from LCMS World Missions](#).

Learn LCMS views on contemporary and doctrinal issues. Visit [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

[MNS Lutheran Witness](#)

[The Lutheran Witness](#) on-line.

Order [Free resources for Armed Forces Sunday](#), May 22, 2011 from LCMS World Mission.

["Christianity And The Competition"](#), a four hour teaching seminar divided into seven 25 minute segments, suitable for personal study, small groups, adult electives or Christian Education classes is available. Details may be found at www.tobiascom.com.

["Bearing Fruit For Jesus"](#) – a fresh new affordable stewardship Bible study is available. Check it out.

Lectionary Illustration: Matthew 5:21-37

I recently heard of a grandmother, a shy and sensitive lady who lived to be just three weeks shy of her 100th birthday. When she was a young girl, about ten years old or so, somebody told her that she had a terrible singing voice. Now, most of us, I guess, would not let that remark bother us particularly, but it DID bother grandmother. Ten years old is a tender age. It bothered her so much that, for the remaining 90 years of her life, she never sang another note. Her children and grandchildren never knew whether Grandmother had a good voice or a bad voice; she would never take the chance of letting them find out, and all because of one person's careless and unfeeling insult.

Intelligent folks know better than to make harsh, caustic, and disparaging statements to little girls. But most of us have indeed said insulting things. We might not have meant them - we might even have apologized for saying them - but we did say them, and who knows what kind of long-lasting effect they might have had. Jesus says, "Watch out. That is dangerous."

"Again, anyone who says to his brother, "Raca," is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, "You fool!" will be in danger of the fire of hell." Matthew 5:22

Health

This week's focus: Anger And E-mail

[Anger: Taking The Heat Out Of The Moment](#)

[Count To Ten Before hitting Send](#)

MISSION NEWS

[Mission Prayer List for February 2011](#)

[Mission Vision News Winter 2010/2011](#)

Do you have a brief story of a new ministry in your church? An event happening? We would love to hear about it. [Contact the MNS District](#). Attach your story to your e-mail.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please join us this week in praying for the congregations of Circuit 6, Minneapolis Metro, Circuit Counselor: Rev. Rex Rinne. [Please click here](#) for maps of the District and all Circuits.

Pastor Russ Troester, St. Michael's, Bloomington, whose grandfather passed away.

CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

[Commissioned Ministers](#) (as of 02-04-11)

[Ordained Ministers](#) (as of 02-04-11)

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