



## MNS WEEKLY e-NEWS January 14, 2009

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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### WORD FOR THE WEEK

*Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4*

### NEWS

**Fan into Flame update** as of **Friday, January 9:**

LCMS National Campaign - **\$40,556,188.00**

Minnesota South District - **\$1,713,933.00**

**Minutes from the Dec. 2, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting** (subject to approval at the Feb. 5, 2009 meeting) as well as minutes from past meetings are available on the MNS District Website: [www.mnsdistrict.org](http://www.mnsdistrict.org) / **About Us** / **Board of Directors**.

**Important Dates 2009 District Convention: Transformed For His Mission - Romans 12:2.** All other **Convention Documents** are available on the MNS District website. The next date to keep in mind is **Jan. 31, 2009** to submit the **form naming Pastoral Delegate, Lay Delegate and Alternate Lay Delegate** from each congregation.

**Used Computer Equipment Available** View list for sale from the MN South District.

**Networking with Congregations** 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**

**Are You A-Half Century or Older?** The **Pre-Retirement Workshop** is designed with you in mind. As you plan out 2009, please be sure to schedule time to attend:

*Commissioned Ministers: July 20-21, 2009*

*Ordained Ministers: April 27-28, or September 24-25, 2009*

*All workshops are held at Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN*

## MISSION NEWS

Please visit [Center for U.S. Missions](#) and see what materials you might use.

Multiple resources from [Lutheran Hour Ministries](#) are available to assist your outreach efforts. Check out the just-launched [Men's NetWork](#) for men and men's groups!

[Christianity Is No Longer America's Default Faith](#) according to George Barna. What does this mean for your church and school? Click on title to read this challenging report.

The Minnesota South District, together with Lutheran Inter-City Network Coalition, Twin Cities (LINC-TC), is working to facilitate [Volunteer Mission Opportunities](#). We want to encourage involvement of our people and congregations in mission trips and volunteer service/mission projects within the District, as well as through LCMS World Mission.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Join the MNS District Staff this week in praying for the **Congregations of the Blue Earth Circuit**: St. Paul, Amboy; Immanuel, Blue Earth; St. Paul, Blue Earth; St. Peter, Easton; St. John, Elmore; Trinity, Elmore; and Our Savior, Winnebago.

Please remember in your prayers, little **Owen Riley**, 6 year old son of **Vicar Donavon & Leann Riley**, (St. John, Webster) as he recuperates from brain surgery this past week.

Download [MNS Mission Prayers](#) for January.

## CALL UPDATE INFORMATION

[Commissioned Ministers](#)

[Ordained Ministers](#)

## CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY

We remember in our prayers **Linda Bradford** (MNS District Support Staff) whose father, **Henning C. Anderson** was called by his Lord to enter his eternal rest last week, Jan. 7. *"For if we have been united together in the likeness of [Christ's] death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection..." Romans 6:5*

*Please assist us in keeping our information current.  
Send e-mail address changes to the District Office.*