



DISTRICT NEWS

MINNESOTA SOUTH

Through my window

A prayer at REFORMATION

We thank You, Lord Christ, for Your church, one, holy, Christian, and apostolic, always challenged, always under attack, yet empowered and victorious in You.



Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy
District President

Today especially we thank You for the joy of being Lutherans, together confessing and proclaiming, serving and singing, and never getting enough of Your grace and Gospel.

We thank You for sermons proclaimed directly from Your Word, for a delight in the Scriptures that takes us deeper and deeper into Your truth. We're grateful for hymns and spiritual songs that express our faith and testify to Your amazing love for sinners.

We are so blessed to know Your very presence in Communion, to find in our Baptism a life-long affirmation of who we are and what we're

worth to You, to hear a pastor or another Christian listen to our confession and announce Your forgiveness. We thank You for legacies and traditions which sustain us, creeds and confessions which give us lasting language for what we believe, children speaking their parts at Christmas, confirmants standing up to be counted as Christians, the hymns we love to sing and those not so much our favorites. We give you praise for a man and a woman vowing life-long faithfulness in marriage and for every saint of God who enters Paradise surrounded by relentless hope and praise.

Thank You for the callings in which You place us, each one holy and sustained by Your Spirit's gifts, for pastors, teachers, farmers, laborers, scientists, artists, executives, physicians, even politicians, and all others who are convinced that what they do is done for Your glory — they work for You.



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We thank You for small steps and giant strides as You move Your kingdom forward — for pioneers and heroes of the faith who have picked up a cross and followed You at great cost, for fresh insights from Your Word and fresh ways to deliver Your truth, for new songs, new languages, new ethnic groups, new opportunities to serve, and for new Christians whose appearance and language may be different from ours but who help build a vision on earth of what heaven will be like.

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Here we stand

A group from the Minnesota South District attended "Here I Stand," the 2017 Higher Things Youth Conference at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind., July 25-28.

The youth and their leaders are from Trinity, Waterville; Immanuel, Janesville; Trinity, Slayton; St. John's, Rosemount; and Glory of Christ; Plymouth. Youth and leaders of other district congregations attended conferences at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas (June 27-30), Mars Hill University in Mars Hill, N.C. (July 4-7), and Montana State University in Bozeman, Mont. (July 18-21).

Next year's conference, "Sanctified," will be held at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. (July 3-6), Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill. (July 10-13), the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. (July 24-27), and Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash. (July 31-Aug. 3).



New pastor installed in Prior Lake

The Rev. Jim Jobst was installed as pastor of Holy Cross, Prior Lake, on Aug. 20. From left, (front row) the Revs. Terry Jobst (Jim's brother), Jim Jobst; (back row) Dr. Brent Parrish (Immanuel, Prior Lake), John Vaughn, Dr. Dean Nadasdy (Minnesota South District president), Dan Ritter (Mount Hope, Bloomington) and Vicar Craig McCourt (New Creation, Shakopee).



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Celebrating 75 blessed years

On Sunday, July 9, members of Centennial Lutheran Church, Henderson, celebrated the 75th anniversary of the LWML by using the 2017 Prayer Service, "Celebrating 75 Years of Commending Christ From One Generation to Another" for the morning worship service. Members of the LWML society (pictured) participated and provided refreshments following the service.

Think about what you might be able to do in your church to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the LWML. We would love to hear your ideas and share your information and photos in an upcoming edition of the LWML Minnesota South District eNews.



Wayzata society in action!



Back in January, and in conjunction with Sanctity of Life Sunday, the Wednesday night "Faith and Family Night" group at Redeemer, Wayzata, organized a diaper drive (DRI) for a crisis pregnancy center. For those who are wondering, DRI is the organization's way of saying "dry," since it started as a diaper "drive."

Even though this servant activity was scheduled to conclude at the end of July, the LWML wanted to continue to collect items and broadened the program to include donations of other useful baby items. Thus far, a total of 1,241 items have been collected, including onesies, baby blankets, bibs, wash cloths, diapers, wipes and many other baby items.

The items collected are taken to the Robbinsdale Women's Center in Robbins-

sdale. The used items that were donated were taken to Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners (IOCP).

Even though this particular LWML society doesn't meet during the summer months, this wonderful service project continues and keeps LWML "visible" in the congregation.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done."

— Prov. 19:17

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." — Luke 6:38



The LWML Minnesota South District was humbled to receive the following thank you note from Camp Omega. Following are excerpts.

Thank you for your contribution toward the Adult & Family Retreat Center projects for the ministry that our Lord has through Camp Omega.

Your gift of \$4,000 will help provide modern, comfortable retreat spaces and help fulfill the needs for family and adult ministry in a very meaningful way for many years to come.

Camp Omega would not be what it is without generous supporters like you.

Thank you for partnering with us as the Lord uses Camp Omega to change lives and further His Kingdom.

In His Service,
Bob LaCroix, Executive Director

Happy 125

Despite a storm and power outage in parts of town, members and friends of St. Paul, Pipestone, made the congregation's 125th anniversary a joyous event. A service of celebration was held June 11,

Guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, president of the Minnesota South District, reminded members that Jesus is in their midst, "Still Faithful in the Word," and that He is the One who makes us His redeemed people. He further added, "What a blessing the body of Christ, our fellow church members at St. Paul Lutheran Church, are to us even though we often overlook one another in the midst of our busy lives and forget what a wonderful gift our brothers and sisters in Christ are to us."

The congregation was especially thankful to welcome special guests Deaconess Nancy Lingenfelter (1965-67), the Rev. Charles Boeder (1972-92), Betsy Lorenzen, preschool administrator and teacher (2000-12), and Dean and Suzie Nadasdy.

Part of the congregation's anniversary celebration included performing acts of mercy in the name of Christ. The youth of the church served and provided the cost for a meal at The Banquet in Sioux



From left, the Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, the Rev. Charles Boeder Betsy Lorenzen, Deaconess Karen Lingenfelter, DCE Mariah Thiessen, the Rev. Cliff Adair.

Falls on June 17, entered a float in the parade at the Water Tower Days of Pipestone on June 24 and were sent on a mission trip to Jamaica July 21-28. Members of the congregation also provided a "Thank You" dinner for the first responders of Pipestone on May 31 and manned a booth and distributed information on their church, preschool and LHM at the Pipestone County Fair Aug. 2-6.

"Our prayer is that visitors to our church will quickly discover that the Gospel of our Savior finds a prominent spot in all the ministries of our congregation," said the Rev. Cliff Adair, St. Paul pastor.

"It is the very means by which the Holy Spirit creates, sustains and nourishes our faith in Christ and equips us for acts of mercy that benefit our neighbor and give glory to our Father in heaven."

PRAYER

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Above all, Lord Jesus, we give thanks today for You,
for Your teaching, Your obedience, Your sacrifice, Your death, Your rising, Your love.
It has always been all about You, and it still is.
Make of our life together a life that looks like Yours.
By Your Spirit, humble us, correct us, renew us, and lead us.
Reform Your Church, Lord, so that we may live with constant repentance and faith.
Reform Your church, Lord, beginning with us, now and in this place.
In Your strong name.
Amen.

Reformation 500

Festival Worship

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Sunday, October 29 at 4 p.m.

Gangelhoff Center, Concordia University, St. Paul

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison

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