



March 7, 2019

Perpetua and Felicitus, Martyrs

Dear fellow disciples and servants of our Lord Jesus:

Today, March 7, we commemorate Perpetua and Felicity. These two women were arrested for their faith and put to death in 203 A.D. Neither renounced Jesus in spite of imprisonment and torture.

Persecution for religious beliefs is not confined to Christians in ancient times. There have been and continue to be many attacks on religious freedoms and Biblical teachings today. Amongst many who are in the church there is an apathy that has spread when it comes to their church attendance and participation in the life of the church. Both persecution within our society and apathy within our congregations are causing a falling away from Christ and His Word.

Now is the time for leaders in the church to step up and seek to be faithful and not simply shrug our shoulders and accept the status quo as if there is nothing that we can do. In light of this, I am pleased to invite congregational leaders, pastors, commissioned workers and anyone who wishes to attend a **"Spiritual Lay Leadership: Equipping the Saints for Spiritual Leadership"** seminar conducted by Mr. Ted Kober from Ambassadors of Reconciliation. This event will be held on **Saturday, April 6th, at Trinity Lutheran Church in New York Mills**. It will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The congregation will serve lunch and collect a mission offering. The cost of the workshop is \$10.00 for materials and can be paid either in advance or the day of the seminar. However, we do need you to register in advance so that a count for lunch can be given.

This is an excellent opportunity for congregational leaders to be equipped to carry out their roles and responsibilities and will be a blessing in your personal life as well. It would be tremendous if every congregation in the District would have leaders participate.

Please contact the District Office (218-829-1781 or mnndist@mnnlcms.org) if you have questions. Use the links below to download a Workshop Overview, Seminar Outline and Event Flier.

Blessings to you in Christ our Savior and Cornerstone on whom alone we build.

In His Service,

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