



DISTRICT NEWS

MINNESOTA SOUTH

Through my window



frumpy. We point fingers easily. Many of us are old and very traditional. We don't always look and act like Jesus.

I still love church people. I love the way they pray for each other. They don't just say, "I'll be praying for you;" they actually do it. I love the way they sing their hearts out, even when their voices are not that good, or even bad. I love how church people who are married wake each other up during sermons or give an elbow jab when the preacher hits home. And I love how church people bear their burdens and crosses with courage and in the good company of other church people.

Church people love the Bible, not the whole Bible necessarily, since most don't know the whole Bible. What they can't help loving, though, are the parts that speak to their hearts and give shape to their lives. A secret unknown to non-church people is that most church people don't know the Bible that well. What I love about them, though, is that they want to know it well and keep trying. As one of them said to me once, "I may not know my Bible, but my Bible sure knows me."

Most church people I know are not proud people. They'll be the first to tell you that they are sinners. They'll be the first to tell God that they are sinners. That's one of the reasons they need the church so much. Church is where God delivers His forgiveness on a regular basis – whenever they see a baptism or

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Church people

Now near the end of my years as a full-time worker in the church, it dawns on me how much I love church people. I mean by "church people" those who clearly value being connected to a local gathering of Christians. These are people who are not occasional worshippers but regulars. They find close friendships in their church and don't mind telling people how much they



Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy
District President

love their church and their pastor. For church people, their church building feels like home.

These are not easy days for church people. I know. I am one of them. If I wasn't a pastor, I would still be a church person. Some see us church people as needy. They say, "The church is a crutch." Actually, that is true to a great extent. Church people actually say they need the church for encouragement, for a spiritual center to their lives, for opportunities to serve. Others say church people are hypocritical, irrelevant and judgmental. Church people are not always kind. Some of us can look

2018 Minnesota South District Convention

June 21-23 • Concordia University, St. Paul

Slate of nominations for district offices

Names are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot. Unless otherwise indicated, delegates will vote for one individual for each position listed.

PRESIDENT

- ▶ Rev. Dr. Robert J. Gehrke
- ▶ Rev. Mark Tewes
- ▶ Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford

VICE-PRESIDENT, Region I

- ▶ Rev. Thomas L. Evans
- ▶ Rev. Christopher Horton
- ▶ Rev. Timothy B. Vaughan

VICE-PRESIDENT, Region II

- ▶ Rev. David A. Kind
- ▶ Rev. Dr. Brent L. Parrish
- ▶ Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford

VICE-PRESIDENT, Region III

- ▶ Rev. David C. Mumme
- ▶ Rev. Dr. Michael J. Nirva
- ▶ Rev. Jon Vollrath

VICE-PRESIDENT, Region IV

- ▶ Rev. Thomas Braun
- ▶ Rev. Rob Jarvis
- ▶ Rev. Harold A. Storm

SECRETARY

- ▶ Rev. Lyle H. Fritsch
- ▶ Rev. Keith Grimm
- ▶ Rev. Dr. Lowell S. Sorenson

ORDAINED MINISTER, Region I

- ▶ Rev. Christopher Horton
- ▶ Rev. Timothy B. Vaughan

ORDAINED MINISTER, Region II

- ▶ Rev. Paul Krentz
- ▶ Rev. Leroy J. LaPlant
- ▶ Rev. Steven J. Wheeler

ORDAINED MINISTER, Region III

- ▶ Rev. Armand J. Boehme
- ▶ Rev. Timothy A. Chase
- ▶ Rev. Kirk Griebel
- ▶ Rev. Matthew D. Lane

- ▶ Rev. Jon Vollrath
- ▶ Rev. Loel Wessel

ORDAINED MINISTER, Region IV

- ▶ Rev. Rob Jarvis
- ▶ Rev. Gary Klatt
- ▶ Rev. Russell Reed
- ▶ Rev. Harold A. Storm

COMMISSIONED MINISTER (elect two)

- ▶ Ms. Emily Anderson
- ▶ Ms. Kristine Hanson
- ▶ Mr. Leland Huebner
- ▶ Mr. Joel Landskroener
- ▶ Ms. Brenda A. Lovhaug
- ▶ Mr. Daniel Maser
- ▶ Ms. Jaclyn Ohmann
- ▶ Ms. Faith Ratte

LAY, EAST METRO NORTH

- ▶ Mr. Virgil E. Rose
- ▶ Mr. Daniel Thao

LAY, EAST METRO SOUTH

- ▶ Mr. Gary Elsesser
- ▶ Mr. Wayne Gartland
- ▶ Mr. Steve Smits

LAY, WEST METRO EAST

- ▶ Mr. Josh Christian
- ▶ Ms. Tracy Eickhoff
- ▶ Mr. Paul Hickey
- ▶ Ms. Rosa Summers

LAY, WEST METRO WEST

- ▶ Mr. John R. Branstad
- ▶ Mr. Bill Pierson

LAY, SOUTHEAST MINN. EAST

- ▶ Ms. Sara A. Sorenson

LAY, SOUTHEAST MINN. WEST

- ▶ Mr. J. Justin Benson
- ▶ Mr. Jon Mielke
- ▶ Mr. Dave Kenow
- ▶ Mr. Leonard Marquardt

LAY, SOUTHWEST MINN. EAST

- ▶ Mr. Benjamin Hagemann
- ▶ Mr. Dale Krienke

LAY, SOUTHWEST MINN. WEST

- ▶ Mr. Neal Breitbarth

Board of Regents

Concordia University, St. Paul

ORDAINED MINISTER

- ▶ Rev. Jeremiah Johnson
- ▶ Rev. David Markworth
- ▶ Rev. Dr. Michael J. Nirva
- ▶ Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Olson, Ph.D.
- ▶ Rev. William Otte

COMMISSIONED MINISTER

- ▶ Ms. Susan Hewitt
- ▶ Mr. Jason Koosmann
- ▶ Mr. Joel Landskroener
- ▶ Mr. Paul Steinhaus

LAY MEMBER (elect two)

- ▶ Mr. James (Jimmy) W. Anderson
- ▶ Ms. Jocelyn Benson
- ▶ Mr. Miles A. Camp

2021 District Nominations Committee

ORDAINED MINISTER

(elect four)

- ▶ Rev. Anders M. Davidson
- ▶ Rev. Lyle H. Fritsch
- ▶ Rev. Rob Jarvis
- ▶ Rev. Kurt R. Klaus
- ▶ Rev. Jesse Krusemark
- ▶ Rev. Leroy J. LaPlant
- ▶ Rev. Vue Lee
- ▶ Rev. Travis J. Loeslie
- ▶ Rev. Tyson Mastin
- ▶ Rev. Michael Mathews
- ▶ Rev. Matthew Rusert
- ▶ Rev. Nathan J. Rusert
- ▶ Rev. Paul Sajban

COMMISSIONED MINISTER

- ▶ Ms. Ruth E. Badciong
- ▶ Mr. Joel Landskroener
- ▶ Mr. Josh Hoffman

LAY MEMBER (elect four)

- ▶ Mr. Steven C. Demlow
- ▶ Mr. Bruce L. Manzey
- ▶ Mr. Christian A. Preus
- ▶ Mr. David O. Rowlands
- ▶ Mr. Robert W. Schneider
- ▶ Mr. Corey Wiederhoeft



Pictured are the **LWML at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Owatonna**, who served a Lenten supper. The proceeds raised from the free-will offering were split so half went to mites and the other to sending delegates to convention this summer. The LWML at Good Shepherd annually serves an Advent and Lenten supper. The ladies have lots of fun and camaraderie; and it's a great way to raise funds for mites.

PARLIAMENTARY PAUSE

Speaking at meetings: is it discussion or chatter?

During your LWML meeting, does it seem like everyone just wants to visit or is there an open and fair discussion of issues and plans? As LWML members, we need to be respectful of our leader and fellow LWML members.

The proper procedure is to make a motion. This is followed by a second to the motion. After the second to the motion is made, the leader would ask for discussion. The leader then acknowledges a member. Just that acknowledged person should present her opinion. When done, the leader then acknowledges the

next member. Members need to be brief and keep comments to the motion on the table.

There should be no talking on the side or about other subjects. All need to listen to what is being said. This allows others to hear. When a member comments to the person next to her, she cannot be listening to the person currently speaking. It disrupts the ability for the others to clearly hear what is going on.

Irene Mensing • Bylaws Chairman

Thank you!

Perhaps your gift of \$441 was intended for that Valentine's Day sale or a special cup of coffee, but you sacrificed and gave it to Lutheran Indian Ministries so that more Native people will understand unconditional love through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you!

A young Native man at Haskell Indian Nations University, abused by his father,

is understanding how his Heavenly Father loves him unconditionally; teens on the Makah Indian Reservation are serving the community through Christ, and ears and eyes are opening to the Word of God on the Gila River Indian Reservation just south of Phoenix. The love of God, through His Son, Jesus Christ, is being made known among Native nations!

Tim Young Eagle • Executive Director, Lutheran Indian Ministries

Get kit packed for convention

Pamela Hunter, our vice-president of Human Care, has recently let us know that Global Health Ministries has sent her an updated list of contents and instructions for the Hospice Kit that was referenced in the spring *Women on a Mission* (WOM) newsletter. The kit has been chosen for Gifts from the Heart for the 2018 LWML Minnesota South District Convention June 29-30.



WOM went to print before the changes were known, so please note that the following is the correct, updated list of contents for the Hospice Kit. Please follow these directions carefully.

New or very gently used items

- ▶ 1 bath towel, 52"-54" long
- ▶ 1 wash cloth

New items

- ▶ 1 bath-size bar of soap, wrapped, unscented
- ▶ 1 toothbrush, in original packaging
- ▶ 1 "pick" style comb
- ▶ 6 Band-Aids, banded together
- ▶ 1 jar or tube of petroleum jelly, 4 ounces or larger, lid taped
- ▶ 1 pair of heavy-duty household gloves, kitchen-type, size medium
- ▶ Christian tract, Mustard Seed Devotion, etc.
- ▶ Nail clippers

Instructions

- ▶ Lay items on the towel and fold to enclose everything.
- ▶ Place the wrapped items in a 2-gallon or larger Ziploc plastic bag.
- ▶ Include "Hospice Kit" note so that it is visible through the bag. Squeeze the air out of the bag before sealing.

Contact Pam with questions at pamhunter216@gmail.com or 952-250-1756.

App now publicly available

Last summer, with the help of Concordia Plan Services, we launched a pilot of a district app. We initially rolled it out to our rostered workers. However, the way it was originally setup — as a private app — made it difficult for anyone wanting to download and access it (a password was required to access the download page).

Because of these issues, we've now made our app publicly available to everyone connected with the district. You can find our app in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store by searching for "Minnesota South District."

What features does our app have?



- ▶ Popular district website content, like call updates, district calendar and much more.
- ▶ Messages from district staff.
- ▶ Cultivating Leaders podcast episodes.
- ▶ Wellness resources from Concordia Plan Services.

Contact us if you have questions about this app!

TAG webinar is online

To make To All Generations (TAG) information and resources for congregations more readily available to those unable to travel to area meetings, we held a webinar on Monday, March 5. Watch the webinar to find information and resources for your congregation to participate in TAG. You can find the webinar at mnsdistrict.org/tag.



Also, you should have in your email a list of resources to help promote a special offering for To All Generations as we celebrate the blessings of this appeal and all of the new ideas coming from our churches and schools. Look for a list of more grant recipients and their ideas soon!

MESSAGE

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get together for the Supper or say humiliating things like, "I a poor, miserable sinner..." Church people always live close to the cross because they know they need the cross.

I love how church people talk about dead Christians as if they are still alive, because they are. I love how they talk about heaven as a sure thing because Jesus' resurrection is a sure thing. Church people may be afraid of dying, but they are not afraid of death. They have this amazing confidence that what happened to Jesus the first Easter will

happen to them because He said so.

Church people even say that when they feed a hungry person they are actually feeding Jesus because that is what He taught them. They can get mad at their pastor sometimes, but they still love him. They can get mad at each other sometimes, but church people keep on loving one another, because Jesus told them to do just that.

I love church people. Put them all together and you have what one inspired church person called "the bride of Christ." How beautiful the Bride of Christ! Clearly, Jesus loves church people, too.

Send submissions for the district supplement to:

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Photos sent by email should be in high resolution, at least 300 dpi.



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Congregation mission receipts

For the period ending March 31, 2018

Actual receipts	\$170,139
Budget receipts	\$200,000
Over (under) amount	\$(29,861)

Year-to-date receipts

Actual receipts	\$523,726
Budget receipts	\$600,000
Over (under) anticipated amount	\$(76,274)

Use of mission receipts (YTD-year to date)

50% remitted to Synod (YTD)	\$192,180
100% remitted to Synod (YTD)	\$21,729
50% for district operations (YTD)	\$192,180
100% for district operations (YTD)	\$117,637
Total receipts	\$523,726

Mission receipts—2018 vs. 2017

Mission receipts — YTD 2018	\$523,726
Mission receipts — YTD 2017	\$506,651
Over (under) last year	\$17,075

2017 congregational receipts budgeted at \$2,400,000

MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT LCEF

February 2018

New investments	\$1,438,357
Withdrawals	\$877,083
Net increase (decrease)	\$561,274

Year-to-date July 1, 2017–Feb. 28w, 2018

New investments	\$11,977,682
Withdrawals	\$13,086,676
Net increase (decrease)	\$(1,108,994)