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Calendar of Events

- July 5—Independence Day Holiday, District Office Closed
- July 10-17—Synod Convention, Houston
- July 11-17—Jr. High Week, Camp Okoboji
- July 17-21—National Youth Gathering, New Orleans
- July 18-24—Concordia Cub Week, Camp Okoboji
- July 25-31—Youth Week, Camp Okoboji

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COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

CALLS RECEIVED

Jon Jenks, Canoga Park, CA, to Zion-St. John, Paullina.

Kevin Meyer, Lewiston, MN, to Trinity, Boone.

CALL ACCEPTED

Stephen Woolery, Greenfield, candidate, to Cedar Falls, IA.

TRANSFERRED OUT

Kim Eggerstedt, EM, Johnston, to South Wisconsin District, 6-18-10.

Sara Fauser, Fort Dodge, from active to candidate; transferred to Central Illinois District, 6-11-10.

Pamela Woolery, Greenfield, non-candidate, to Iowa District East, 6-18-10.

From the IDW Personal Missions Committee

As many as 89% of Americans see the Bible as something more than just another book of teachings written by men containing stories and advice. In fact, 56% believe that the Bible has no errors--a significantly higher number than attend church regularly. This confirms that many non-Christians already have some degree of respect for the Bible even though they do not trust Jesus. This also serves as a reminder that the most important thing a Christian can do to prepare for spiritual conversations with their friends and neighbors is to study the Bible himself. Not only does studying the scriptures give the information necessary for spiritual conversations, but through them, the Holy Spirit motivates, empowers, and equips us to talk about Jesus with people who do not yet trust in Him.

RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ "Hills and Thrills for Life" - Pastor Mike Reiners (Peace Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE) is coordinating a Midwest Lutherans For Life Bike Ride (August 2-4, 2010) from Glenwood to Nevada. For more information on participating or supporting the ride with financial or other donations, contact Pastor Reiners (pastorreiners@peacelutherangi.org).
- ❖ "Prairie Fire" is an outreach workshop open to all laity and church workers, designed to give them tools and encouragement for both personal and congregational outreach. The event is a partnership between International Lutheran Laymen's League and the Nebraska District and will be held at the Qwest Center in Omaha on Saturday, July 24. Registration deadline is July 2. Registration is only \$25. Go to www.ndlcms.org for more information.
- ❖ The Rural Communities Outreach Summit will be held at Concordia, MO, on July 29-31, 2010. Participants (lay and professional) will learn to bring the hope of Christ to their rural community. A congregational team of three is recommended. Visit www.spife.org for more information.
- ❖ Thanks to the congregational and individual "Joy in Ministry" donors. Gifts can continue to be directed to "Joy in Ministry" at the District office. The 2011 event will be June 12.
- ❖ "A Study on Christian Apologetics: You Can Give an Answer" is being hosted by The Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Windom, MN, on August 12-16, 2010. For more information contact lcoos@windomnet.com.
- ❖ The Lay Leadership Institute has provided a pathway for individuals to serve more confessionally, confidently, and creatively in the local congregation and church at-large. Information is included in this "Monthly." Contact Jason Fuller or any District staff member for more information.