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## Calendar of Events



### March

- 2-6—National Lutheran Schools Week
- 6-8—Lay Leadership Institute, Fort Dodge
- 28—Men's Ministry Breakfast, Bouton

### April

- 10—Good Friday, District Office Closed
- 17—Planting Seeds of Faith in Families, Camp Okoboji
- 18—What Matters to Families Symposium, Spencer
- 17-18—Clergy Wives Retreat, Camp Okoboji
- 17-19—Lay Leadership Institute, Fort Dodge
- 24-26—S.P.A. Retreat, Camp Okoboji

**Please note:** The inclusion of items from outside sources in *The Monthly* is for information purposes only. Inclusion of such items does not constitute District endorsement.

### CALL ACCEPTED

The Rev. Kendall Meyer, Urbandale, IA, to Mt. Olive, Des Moines.  
The Rev. Daryl Tompkins, Chamberlain, SD, to St. John, Clarinda.

### CALLS RECEIVED

The Rev. Marcel Kohlmeyer, St. Paul, Ireton, to Prince of Peace, Fort Dodge.  
The Rev. Philip Ritter, Port Angeles, Washington, to Corning.  
The Rev. Luke Timm, Rochester, MI, to Clive.

### **Fan Into Flame**

Many congregations and member missionaries heard about “Fan Into Flame” at the District “Mission Ignition” events. Please consider the opportunities to join this LCMS Mission initiative in the Epiphany or Easter seasons of 2009. Contact District Missions Executive Assistant for more information and to receive additional support and direction from our “Fan Into Flame” consultants. Thanks for your participation in “Mission Ignition.”

### **“Joy In Serving” District Convention—June 21-24, 2009**

The delegates have been chosen. The nominations have been received. Thank you for your local preparation for the 2009 District Convention. Overtures from congregations and circuits must be sent to President Paul Sieveking by March 1. Congregation assessments have been sent to all congregations and must be sent to the District Business Manager by May 15.



### **Sharing the Attitude of Youth**

Concordia University, St. Paul, MN and the Minnesota South District are hosting a one day (Saturday, April 4) Senior High Leadership Conference for youth. Information has been mailed to congregations and is also available at [www.csp.edu/gotattitude](http://www.csp.edu/gotattitude). Space is limited.

### **Mission Trip Support**

Thanks to District LWML mission grants rostered church workers and LWML members are eligible for one time grants for mission trips. Contact Ellie Menz ([ellie.menz@idwlcms.org](mailto:ellie.menz@idwlcms.org) or 515-386-8420) for more information. The summer 2009 Los Angeles mission experience is scheduled for July 7-20. The Registration deadline is April 1, 2009. Information and registration forms are available at the District West site.

### **Items Available**

After several years of trying to start and expand a worshipping community, King of Grace Lutheran Church in Sibley has decided to close their doors. The following items are available to your ministry at no cost. If you are interested in any item(s), please contact Carole White to arrange a time to look at/pick up your choice. Carole's contact information is 515-240-2229 or [carole.white@idwlcms.org](mailto:carole.white@idwlcms.org). Items available include: pulpit, lectern, organ (needs repair), pipe organ, pews (curved on sloped floor), pews (straight long and short on flat floor), ceiling fans, Bibles (KJV), baptismal font, piano and bench, Canon copier (NP210), overhead projector, and table.

**District Convention**  
**June 21-24, 2009**

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