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ARE YOU READY FOR MISSION?

By Rev. Peter Reuss, Synod Mission Director

As the new Mission Director for the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, I am very excited to bring an update on the amazing new ministries that God is raising up in our midst. There is a lot of energy among Sudanese immigrants. Civil war in Sudan caused many people to flee to refugee camps and to settle here in Minnesota. There are several tribes represented in southeastern Minnesota, each with their own language and customs.

In Faribault, God is working through Wal Reat and Our Savior's Lutheran Church to proclaim God's good news in the Nuer language at Nile Our Savior's Chapel. Wal is just beginning his training for ordained ministry and works part time outside of the church to support his ministry. The community has been a Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community (SAWC) for the past year.

In Rochester, the Dinka have been gathering for worship since 2004. Beginning on October 11, 2009, Rev. Mawien Ariik of the Sundanese Lutheran Church, Anoka, Minn. will provide six months of intensive leadership. Once those six months come to an end, Kamen Makuer has been raised up from within the Dinka community to begin preparations to become a pastor of the ELCA. The Synod Council recently approved this as a SAWC.

The Anyuak tribe is just getting ministry rolling in Minneapolis, Austin, and Mankato. I will meet with them soon to help them get this three point ministry organized.

These and other new ministries in the works are possible because of past supporters of "I'm Ready for Mission." Participants in this program give \$100 for the year to new mission starts.

I invite you to join in God's mission field in southeastern Minnesota. Let us work together to support these new brothers and sisters in our midst.

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MONTHLY BIBLE VERSE

This Bible verse was selected by Harold Usgaard, bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, for everyone in the synod to study.



"Brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you."
2 THESSALONIANS 3:1

ABOUT OUR SYNOD

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod is a faith community of 130,000 baptized people in 184 congregations as well as related institutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Its geographic area includes 15 counties in the southeastern corner of Minnesota.

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