



SW MN SYNOD LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

The purpose of Southwest Minnesota Synod Lutheran Men in Mission is to “assist every congregation in establishing an effective, life-changing men’s ministry” in our synod

A review of the year 2014:

March 2014 – Annual Retreat at Green Lake Bible Camp.

July 2014 – Annual Golf Tournament at Redwood Falls – Funding for Rural Ministry.

A review of the year 2015:

March 14, 2015 – Annual Retreat at St. Andrew Village/Shores of St Andrew, New London, MN, Guest speaker Les Graham, author of “Jude Gentle Giants”.

July 24, 2015 - Annual Golf Tournament at Redwood Falls – Funding for Rural Ministry.

Fall, 2015 – First Fall Retreat at Shalom Hill Farms, program scheduled “*Success that Matters*” – Presentation by Man in the Mirror Organization.

Coming 2016

**March 11 and 12, 2016 - Annual Retreat at Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer, MN
Guest Speaker will be Roland Martinson, Professor Emeritus of Children, Youth and Family Ministry**

Making a difference

When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my place. John 15:8 NLT

Men want to make a difference. This truth is highlighted in a poignant scene from the movie *Black Hawk Down*. A SOLDIER SAYS, “You really believe in this mission down to your very bones, don’t you, Sergeant?”

The sergeant replies, “These people don’t have jobs, no food, no education, and no future. I figure we have two things we can do: We can help, or we can sit back and watch the country destroy itself on CNN. I was trained to fight, how about you? I was trained to make a difference.”

And then there’s the approach of Christian author Gary Smalley. Each day when he awakens he takes his figurative empty cup, gets in line, and goes to meet with Jesus. Then during the day he empties out his cup serving others. The next day, he gets up, takes his empty cup, once again stands in line, and starts all over again.

Both warrior and cupbearer are powerful metaphors for serving God. Whether God leads you to fight for your country or humbly serve others, one of the greatest proofs that you are a disciple is that you bear much fruit. AMGSD

Questions you might ask yourself:

What kind of impact do you desire to make with your life?

Are you achieving those desires or goals?

What might need to change for 2015?