

***The Southeastern District ABLAZE! – A COVENANT***

*“At the heart of all that moves us to participate in God’s Mission is the heart of God itself – the gracious love of our kind, merciful and forgiving heavenly Father.” (CTCR Theological Statement of Mission-1991)*

In grateful response to God’s grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we as a congregation of the Southeastern District, LCMS, intend to vigorously make known the love of Christ by word and deed. To this end:

- We commit ourselves to God and by His strength will be bold in our witness of Jesus Christ who came to seek and save the lost.
- We commit ourselves to getting the word out that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world.
- We proclaim that we will stand firm in one spirit, with one mind, striving side by side with other congregations of our Circuit and District for the faith of the Gospel.

As we have received forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ’s sake, through faith, we want to let our light shine before others so that they, too, may receive eternal life. Hence, we commit to set our hearts *ABLAZE!* by:

- Praying faithfully for mission work within our congregation, circuit, and district to bring the lost to Christ.
- Witnessing to others by sharing the love of Christ and the promise of salvation that is promised to all who believe in Him.
- Inviting those who are unchurched to share in worship and Bible study.

**Therefore, before God and as members of the Southeastern District, Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, we pledge to be *ABLAZE!* for Christ and to participate in sharing our faith with 2.5 million people by the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation (October 31, 2017). We, the congregation of**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Church, \_\_\_\_\_ (city) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_  
on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of our Lord 2005, do joyfully commit and covenant to:**

- a. pray regularly for God’s Kingdom to come among us, as well as to the ends of the earth,
- b. allow God to prepare and use us to share the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ to a minimum of 2,500,000 people in the SED, and
- c. grow in our faith through Bible study and fellowship with the express goal of sharing the Gospel personally, as God directs, with \_\_\_\_\_ (number) \_\_\_\_\_ people each year.

*“I will give you as a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Isaiah 49:6*