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Worship will lead into a time of story-telling, dreaming and equipping for how the two synods—numbering some 200,000 Lutheran disciples on either side of the Red River—might grow deeper and wider in God's mission. “Mission tables” are being formed to ignite new ministries, renew existing ministries, and stir up faith practices that will serve God's mission. Additional mission tables will be formed around the gifts and passions of God's people across our region.

“Hearts on Fire” will conclude with an old-fashioned cookout supper and a commissioning service. There is no cost for attending this event, and pre-registration is helpful (contact Keith Zeh) but not required. An offering will be received to help defray expenses.

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October 30-November 1, 2009

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November 20-22, 2009

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## Save the date! Spread the word! Jesus, Justice, Jazz Tour

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## Subscribe to synod's weekly email digest

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