

SPIRIT OF SOUTHERN

The *Spirit of Southern* is the official publication of the Southern District—LCMS.

Objective

The *Spirit of Southern* seeks to provide a valuable resource to people of the Southern District, whereby ideas are shared and the mission of Christ is celebrated. This is accomplished through articles which demonstrate ministries of the Southern District:

- Living the mission of Christ
- Changing lives through Christ
- Sharing best practices in ministry
- Addressing pertinent issues facing the church

Content

Each issue is broken down into the following categories:

- One feature story (500-525 words)
- One President's message (350-375 words)
- Four supporting articles (each 350-375 words)
- Two pages of congregational news (no more than 200 words per submission)
 - * Congregational news is not guaranteed to be published in the printed *Spirit of Southern*, due to limited space. However, all congregational news is posted on social media and our website: <http://southernlcms.org/category/connect/sos/>. This special blog is called "Around the District."

Writing Guidelines

If you wish to submit a feature story or supporting article, please contact the editor in advance so it may be planned for in the overall layout of the issue. As you write, try to focus on one particular ministry story, event, or topic and elaborate on it with vivid details. Think about specific ways God is at work in your place of ministry and let the Holy Spirit guide your writing. Email your completed submission to: sos@southernlcms.org. Submissions may also be mailed to the Southern District office: 100 Mission Drive – Slidell, LA – 70460.

Photographs

You are welcome to send photographs with any submission. Photos need to be high quality of at least 300 dpi. If you do not have photos to accompany your submission, the editor will select an appropriate stock image for it.

Submission Deadlines

January 15
March 15
May 15
July 15
September 15
November 15

Publication Dates (arrival in mailboxes)

February 15
April 15
June 15
August 15
October 15
December 15

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