

# Ministry Technology Mentor Newsletter (MTM)

Notes From the Editor  
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## My MTM Story

[www.mtmproject.org](http://www.mtmproject.org)



**The mission**  
of MTM is to  
enhance the  
proficiency of  
workers in the use  
of existing and  
emerging  
technologies in  
support of the  
mission and  
ministry in  
Lutheran churches  
and schools.

**MTM's Vision:**  
Schools of choice  
emerge as leaders  
apply exceptional  
competence in  
integrating  
technology as a  
result of MTM's

This is my first edition as editor of the MTM newsletter, so I thought it might be appropriate to detail how I became involved in the Ministry Technology Mentors Project. When I was first contacted by MTM's Executive Director Frank Wegner, I admit that I did not know much about this ministry. I did not know that MTM sought to provide quality training to Lutheran church workers in both basic and more advanced areas of technology, especially for those of us who were not raised with technology tools. I was pleased to learn of the focus of MTM on embracing technology tools for education and for ministry tasks. And I was pleased to hear about the unique partnership between Thrivent Financial, Concordia University Wisconsin, and MTM which makes it possible for educators to take graduate level courses which will help them in their teaching at a fraction of the full cost of these courses.



However, it was not until teachers at my school began taking MTM courses that I really saw the potential of this amazing program and service. I had served as technology coordinator at the school for seven years, but it was difficult for me to find a way to communicate that technology was not just a "special" at school - an extra time during the school day, but rather that it was something integral to the learning process across grade levels and academic disciplines. Once my colleagues began taking MTM courses, the culture within the building related to technology and education began to change. MTM helped build the momentum for innovative education within our building. To see how our partnership with MTM has transformed education in our building, visit our 21st Century Education wiki at <http://21stcenturysoth.wikispaces.com>. You will see how my colleagues were motivated to define 21st century learning in our

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setting and how they have developed specific lessons, projects, and activities which integrated technology and better meet the needs of our students.

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MTM has also been a transforming experience for me personally. As an MTM instructor I've been blessed with the opportunity to work with teachers all across this country (and even around the world), expanding the scope of my teaching ministry beyond what I ever would have thought possible. MTM has also given me the chance to work closely with people like Frank Wegner, Dr. Bernard Bull, Dr. Michael Uden, Gail Potratz, and many others from whom I can also learn and grow as a professional.

### Quick Links...

[www.mtmproject.org](http://www.mtmproject.org)

<http://etale.org/main>

Join Our Mailing List!

As you can see, being a part of the MTM family has transformed my work, teaching, and ministry. Won't you give MTM the chance to do the same for you? Take a look at the additional information found throughout this newsletter about MTM courses and programs. Embrace the opportunities that MTM provides to grow as an educator and in your service to our Lord!

### District Members

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May God bless all our efforts on His behalf.

Dave Black

### Fall 2, 2009, Classes

Classes will begin **October 28, 2009**, register **today** by following the guidelines at our web site; [www.mtmproject.org](http://www.mtmproject.org). Move your mouse over Classes and then click on How to Enroll. Call Mary Eberhardt at CUW (262-243-4551) if you have questions regarding enrolling.

We encourage you to continue to support our partners in Lutheran Education:  
School Ministry  
Lutheran School Portal  
LEA

Let us know immediately via an email or a phone call if you have difficulties enrolling in our classes.

ALSS  
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**EDG 939 School Leadership In Technology - Enroll in the Fall 2 session starting October 28, 2009**

This course is for principals and technology coordinators. It works best if both take the course at the same time. However, you can benefit your school even if you take it alone.

We will help you:  
Assess where you are using technology  
Envision where you want to be  
Fill in the gap

This course is not scheduled to run again until Spring 2 of 2010, so register today!

- EDG 970 "Integrating Technology in the Classroom" CRN
- EDG 908 "Critical Issues in Educational Technology" Lutheran Cohort - Full
- EDG 889 "Applying Technology in the Content Areas" CRN 11530
- EDG 589 "Applying Technology in the Content Areas" CUW campus
- EDG 939 "School Leadership in Technology" CRN 11567
- EDG 894 "Digital Literacy" CRN
- EDG 594 "Digital Literacy" CUW campus
- EDG 892 Instructional Design CRN

NOTE: Courses with numbers in the 800's and 900's are done online. Courses with numbers in the 500's and 600's are done on the CUW campus.

**MTM Scholarships and CUW Lutheran Teacher Grants are Available to Lutheran Educators for These Courses!!**

**New Courses:**

**EDG 894 Digital Literacy**

The term "literacy" usually refers to the ability to read and write the written word. While these skills remain as important as ever, life in an increasingly technological world requires new literacies: information literacy, visual literacy, media literacy, and digital literacy. These literacies require that individuals develop skills related to reading and writing hypertext, the interpretation of visual stimuli and multimedia, as well as making sense of information that comes from a wide variety of sources and in a multiplicity of formats. Individuals must develop high level yet nuanced skills related to analyzing and synthesizing information, sifting through and contributing to the ever-expanding world of information in the digital world. Christian discipleship in the 21st century requires some of these same skills, developing discernment in this new world of information, connectivity, and collaboration; as well as the ability to effectively communicate the unchanging truths of

God's world in digital culture. With these considerations in mind, this course will introduce participants to new literacies, affording them the opportunity to consider the nature and importance of equipping others with literacy skills for the 21st century while building their own literacy skills.

### **EDG 892 Instructional Design**

Participants will analyze a variety of current and emerging instructional design models, learn to select and apply one or more of these models to the design of effective and engaging digital learning experiences, and gain firsthand experience with virtual teaming and other current approaches to collective knowledge and team-based instructional design.

Both of these courses are available the second Fall, 2009, class period.

### **The Ministry Technology Mentor Project**



If you have any questions regarding MTM memberships, MTM scholarships, or enrolling in an online technology course at CUW, please contact Michael



Uden or Frank Wegner. They are eager to help you!

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Please help us spread the news about the MTM Project and how it can benefit principals and teachers in Lutheran schools. You can help by forwarding this newsletter to your colleagues and encouraging them to become involved in the program. I thank you for your help!!

Sincerely,

*David*

David Black

MTM Special: If ten or more Lutheran educators from the same faculty take a class at the same time, one will receive the course free. Contact me or Dr. Uden if you want more information on this special.

Please help us by referring the MTM Project to your Lutheran educator friends and colleagues. Thank You!