

## ND District LCMS Message in a Pew

November 2021

### All Faith's Chapel at the Life Skills and Transition Center

The All Faith's Chapel at the Life Skills and Transition Center in Grafton is an unique mission of the North Dakota District that began in 1952. At that time, Rev. Al Thiem started a visitation ministry that developed into a chaplaincy teaching program. Many remember Evelyn Allensworth who faithfully served for 38 years as the religion teacher. For years many residents went through a confirmation program.



For most of the last 18 months, COVID has closed the Center to visitors. This included the Sunday afternoon worship services. The Chapel is open again with protocol precautions and earlier this fall the staff and clients expressed heartfelt thankfulness for this mission of the ND District and the 'face' that they see each week, Rev. Bernie Seter.

Thanks to the ND LCMS District staff who saw the need and undertook to offer God's love through His Word in ministry, education, grief counseling and in so many other ways to the residents, family, staff, and community at All Faith's Chapel.

#### **Congregations' Status**

**Pres. Arie Bertsch**

Redeemer, Lisbon: vacancy (Rev. Aaron Filipek).

St. Peter, Belfield: vacancy (Rev. Anthony Ahrendt).

Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy (Rev. Mike Wolters).

Our Savior, Bottineau; St. Paul, Rugby; Immanuel, Willow Creek:  
vacancy (Rev. Jon Bonine).

St. Martin, Anamoose; St. John, Kongsberg: vacancy (Rev. Tim Stout).

First English, Fairmount: vacancy (Rev. Matthew Tooman)

#### **Pastors & DCE'S**

Rev. Larry Schmidt, First English, Fairmount, retired Oct. 24.

Trinity, Adrian: Rev. Tom Eckstein to be installed Nov. 28.

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**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS**  
**Financial Information**  
**October 2021**

**INCOME**

Congregational Mission Giving	\$58,144.91
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(20,350.72)
Other Gifts	214.24
<b>Total left for District Missions, Expenses</b>	<b>\$38,008.43</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$27218.50
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	30,798.63
<b>1-1-1 Mission Giving</b>	(2,422.10)
Current gifts given for these missions	(10,056.00)
International Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000) (These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	0.00
<b>Net Expenses</b>	<b>\$45,539.03</b>
<b>NET OPERATING LOSS FOR OCTOBER</b>	<b>(\$7,530.60)</b>
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	<b>\$4,658.50</b>
<b>Year To Date NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,903.71</b>

October giving was below average. Major expenses included Pastors' Conference and the Middle School Gathering which were partially offset by registration fees. What a gift the members of the ND District give as their pastors connect and learn and the youth strengthen their faith through these events! Although the monthly bottom line is not good, YTD we are still in the black and that is a reason to rejoice!

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our international missions are sent on at the end of each fiscal quarter. Those amounts are not included in income or expense totals. YTD designated gifts for international missions as of October 31, 2021:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$8,670.00
Chile Partnership	\$6,540.00

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