

**North Dakota District LCMS
Message in the Pew
December 2020**

Advent and Christmas Blessings!

As the end of our calendar year 2020 approaches, please remember to support your church and your ND District missions. Designated gifts to our international missions are far short of what is needed to support our Christ Care for Children in Kenya and the Mision Maule mission in Chile.

In Kenya the District has pledged \$10,000 to support the children living in the Project 24 facilities. When the pandemic shut down the facilities, the children were provided with food and other resources. The places are now opening up and our children are thrilled to be back with their friends and teachers.

The Chile church continues to grow with the help of \$25,000 pledged by the District! In the Mision Maule region, land has been purchased, a church has been built, and another mission congregation has been started. Stability continues to increase and these congregations should be self-sufficient within three years.

The LCEF's Joyful Response program gives you a new way to support our missions! Using GivePlus, submit a one time donation or set up an automatic recurring donation. Visit nodaklcms.org/giveplus or check out the mobile app. More information can be found on the website. Thank you for your support and praying you stay healthy!

Congregations' Status

Redeemer, Lisbon: vacancy (served by Rev. Aaron Filipik).

Trinity, LaMoure and Trinity, Adrian: vacancy (served by Rev. Chris Brademeyer and Rev. Tom Eckstein).

St. Peter, Belfield and Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy (served by Rev. Anthony Ahrendt and Rev. Michael Wolters).

Your servant in Christ,

*ND District President
Rev. Arie Bertsch*

Pastors and DCE'S

Rev. Toby Heller, Concordia, Beulah returned a call to Our Redeemer, Robinson IL and Trinity, Casey, IL.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS

Financial Information

November 2020

INCOME

Congregational Mission Giving	\$41,290.49
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(14,451.67)
Other Gifts	323.44
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$27,162.26

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$11,034.23
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	36,138.85
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(886.88)
Current gifts given for these missions	2,104.00)
International Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	\$0.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000)	\$0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	

Net Expenses **\$44,182.20**

NET OPERATING LOSS FOR OCTOBER **(\$17,019.94)**

Funds Given in the Past used for Current Expenses **\$400.00**

YTD NET LOSS **(\$30,295.12)**

Congregational giving was very low (\$20-25K) for November. Some of the shortfall is due to timing. Fall typically means our people are back to attending church after a summer of weekend events, but the pandemic means we are still not normal. If your congregation does not yet take part in an online giving program and would like to, please consider LCEF's Joyful Response which is provided at no cost to your congregation.

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 30, 2020:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$3,915.50
Chile Partnership	\$4,266.00

Please contact Tami Ulland at lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com or call 701-293-9001 if you have more questions. Blessings to all.

Please consider giving a Christmas donation to the ND District. Send to PO Box 9029, Fargo, ND 58106. ND58106. Blessings to all.