

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

CHRIST THE WAY RADIO MINISTRY

Christ the Way is a radio ministry hosted by Concordia Lutheran in Jamestown, ND. This 15 minute program includes a devotion from one of our ND District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod pastors. *Christ the Way* airs every Sunday from 7:30 to 7:45 a.m. over the radio station KSJB 600 AM in Jamestown, ND and reaches people in North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and Iowa. *Christ the Way* first went on the air back in 1929 to share the Word in our sinful and hurting world.



Christ the Way could use your financial support. If every LCMS congregation in the North Dakota District gave just \$50 a year to *Christ the Way*, this would cover their broadcast and production costs for the year. Please consider supporting this radio ministry! Donations may be sent to Concordia Lutheran Church, 502 2nd Ave. N., Jamestown, ND 58401 or to the North Dakota District Office, PO Box 9029, Fargo, ND 58106. Thank you for your support!

Congregations' Status

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

Trinity, Tolley: vacancy (served by Rev. Joel Brandvold.)

Peace, Barney and Trinity, Great Bend: vacancy. Will apply for a seminary candidate. (served by Rev. Matthew Tooman).

Zion, Claire City: vacancy. Along with Zion, Brown Valley, MN, will apply for a seminary candidate. (served by MN North District.)

Your servant in Christ,

*ND District President
Rev. Arie Bertsch*

Pastors and DCE'S

Rev. Steve Schulz, Immanuel, Fargo returned a call to Holy Cross, St. Cloud, MN.

Rev. Rick Jones, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, is considering a call to Tabor Evangelical, Mountain, WI & Emmanuel Evangelical, Breed, WI.

**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information
February 2020**

INCOME

Congregational Mission Giving	\$49,059.35
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(17,170.77)
Other Gifts	2,044.94
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$33,933.94

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$17,269.13
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	42,793.35
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(1,776.16)
Current gifts given for these missions	(2,136.00)
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	\$56,150.32
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR FEBRUARY	(\$22,216.80)
Funds Given in the Past used for Current Expenses	\$400.00
YTD NET LOSS	(\$21,816.80)

Congregational giving was below average for February. I'm hearing there are some questions on how the District funding works. If you have questions, please call me. I would be happy to talk to you personally or do a presentation 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 February 29, 2020:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$200.00
Chile Partnership	\$200.00

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

Prayerfully consider sending a donation check for missions to PO Box 9029, Fargo ND 58106 and note which mission(s) you are supporting. Thank you!