

ND District LCMS Message in a Pew

December 2021

Advent & Christmas Blessings!

We rejoice in our LCMS members who continue to support our missions in Chile, Christ Cares for Children—Kenya and our campus ministry at Wittenberg Chapel, UND, Grand Forks.



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.

We grieve over the closing of two churches in our District. Trinity Lutheran of LaMoure had started as a mission church in 1941. St. James Lutheran of Golden Valley started in 1907. We pray for the members of both churches as they find new homes for worship.

May Jesus, the reason for the season, fill your heart with joy and peace.

Congregations' Status

President 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

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

Alan Eppen, Zion, Edgeley and Bethlehem, Forbes: returned a call to St. John, Akeley, MN.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS
Financial Information
November 2021

INCOME

Congregational Mission Giving	\$106,109.13
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(37,138.20)
Other Gifts	868.34
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$69,839.27

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$20,735.72
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	35,727.76
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(1,997.89)
Current gifts given for these missions	(4,887.00)
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	\$49,578.59
NET OPERATING INCOME FOR NOVEMBER	\$20,260.68
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$4,040.95
Year To Date NET INCOME	\$33,640.31

WOW!! The way God blesses the North Dakota District through our member congregations amazes me. November giving was a historical high and financially, we are in uncharted territory. Sing with me!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 November 30, 2021:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$9,495.00
Chile Partnership	\$6,765.00

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

You can now give to the District via on-line through Joyful Response. Click on the GivePlus+ button on nodaklcms.org.