

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

Christ's Care for Children: Kenya (CCC-K)

CCC-K is a sponsorship program that matches individuals, families or groups in the U.S. with school age students who are living in one of seven Project 24 boarding facilities in Kenya. Each facility provides safe housing and meals and is placed near a Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya church and school so that children receive spiritual as well as academic teaching and care. School levels range from third-grade through high school. The program is designed to equip these students with everything necessary for success in life. The children learn to plant, harvest, cook, tend to livestock, clean the compound and care for their personal space. They begin each day with devotions. Choir practice, Bible study and catechesis occur throughout the week.

Sponsorships can be for a year or continue until your student graduates from high school. Each student has his or her own bio along with information about the P24 site where the student resides. The sponsors get to know their student through ongoing letters, updates, pictures, newsletters and videos that come from the Kenyan missionary field. Sponsors are encouraged to write to their students and share pictures.

A new Facebook Page called Project 24-Kenya was just launched. New information is posted here twice a week. Currently, out of 190 children living at the P24 facilities, 107 have sponsors. If you have questions or want to sponsor a student, please contact Jennifer Hummel, LCMS Program Coordinator, by email at jennifer.hummel@lcms.org or call 314-800-9099.

Congregations' Status

Redeemer, Lisbon: vacancy
(served by Rev. Aaron Filipik).
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. Aaron Hambleton,
Redeemer, Lisbon, took the
call to St. Paul, Eldora IA.
Rev. Clark Jahnke,
St. Andrew, West Fargo,
returned a call to Christ
Lutheran, St. Paul, NE and
St. John, Palmer, NE.

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

INCOME

Congregational Mission Giving	\$38,229.45
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(13,380.31)
Other Gifts	701.38
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$25,550.52

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$30,401.91
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	36,055.68
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(799.16)
Current gifts given for these missions	(2,729.91)
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	\$62,928.52
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR AUGUST	(\$37,378.00)
Funds Given in the Past used for Current Expenses	\$19,725.00
YTD NET LOSS	(\$22,515.65)

Congregational giving was \$5-10K below average for August. Fall semester student loans for \$19,325 were distributed. The two together made for an ugly bottom line. Summer typically means less giving and on top of a pandemic, we 'numbers people' worry. If your congregation does not already 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 August 31, 2020:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$2,841.00
Chile Partnership	\$2,366.00

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

Donations for missions and CTAP are appreciated. Send donations to PO Box 9029, Fargo, ND 58106. Praying you all stay healthy.