



The Flower Calendar for 2023 is near the Sign-Up Center. Many weeks are open, so sign up wherever there are blanks – first come, first served.

The **ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING** is **SUN, JAN 29TH** at **9:35** am in the Celebration Center (in place of Adult Bible Class). SS has opening in the Sanctuary for the 29th.

It's almost time for our **Annual Zone**

Family Ski Trip to Andes Tower Hills. This is a favorite event and is for the entire congregation. The event is Saturday, **February 4th**; registration forms must be turned in to the office by the Sunday, Jan 29th. For those in the Fargo area, you can meet at Beautiful Savior and travel together. Others can meet us at Andes Tower Hills.



Winter greetings from Grace Lutheran School in our 75th year! Yes, Grace Lutheran School is 75 in 2023. We look forward to an exciting year commemorating this milestone and the thousands of students who have set foot in this building.

For starters, we are inviting all alumni to register through our website. We are looking for history, stories, photos, and anecdotes from bygone years to paint a picture of Grace's ministry and mission through time. In return, you will receive a twice-yearly newsletter keeping you connected with your alma mater. More activities will be announced throughout the year.

Thank you to ALL who attended our Growing Together in Grace informational meetings in

January. Please hold the Association in your prayers as we proceed to the next step in this process.

Giving Hearts Day is fast approaching (February 9). This is Grace Lutheran School's 9th year participating in the day of giving. We have a \$3000(+) match and a goal to raise \$40,000 this year to Grow Together in Grace (and at Grace and with Grace). It is our greatest desire to make the ministry of Grace Lutheran School financially



Giving Hearts Day

accessible to ALL. Giving Hearts Day is a profound

opportunity for our supporters to help us throw the doors wide open for everyone. Please consider supporting Grace Lutheran School on **Feb 9th** or schedule your giving now at www.gracelutheranschoolfargo.com.

Calendar: Feb 6th; 5:00-6:30 pm – Open House
Feb 9th – Giving Hearts Day
Feb 17th & 20th – No School
Feb 23rd; 7 pm – GLS All-School Concert



C3 Ministry:
Bridging the Divide between
Christ, Culture, and the Church

We are gearing up for our third session of this great new program designed to invite all members of our congregation, but especially our families, to come and learn what God says and the church teaches about those tough topics that are all around us in our everyday life.

Session 3: Technology and Social-Media
Date: Wednesday, February 15th
Time: 6-8 PM

Sloppy Joes will be served starting at 6:00 PM and we will begin our conversation on the topic at 6:30 PM. Conversation will be led by DCE Susie Danner, Pastor Worral, Pastor Schulz, and Ben Bernard. Childcare will be provided for young children but we encourage families of all ages to attend together. Join us as we dive into God's Word and discuss technology and social media. A sign up is available in the Sign-up Center so please let us know if you plan to attend!

Young Family Ministry: Super Bowl Party

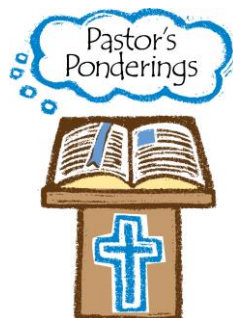
Our next Young Family Ministry Event is just around the corner! We will be meeting on **Sunday, February 12th** for a Super Bowl Party at the Gornowicz' home (3536 - 43rd Ave N, Moorhead) from 3-7 PM. Please see the church website to sign up to attend!

Annual Educational Event



Do you know the meaning of
Privilege?
Politically correct? Woke? Anti-
racist? Social justice? Victim?
Divisions by gender, race, religion?

Pastor Paul Dare, speaker



"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
(Matthew 20:28)

Our Lenten journey will begin Wednesday, February 22nd and take us through the passion of our Lord in the gospel of Matthew. We will be stopping along the way to consider the questions raised in the passion narrative. These are questions that invoke great meaning and depth to the suffering of Jesus. But when we step back from the entire passion history, we see one overriding thing: Jesus is going through his suffering to serve you and me. He is in it to win it for us. Sometimes we read the passion narrative and feel sorry for Jesus. The story does invoke a great deal

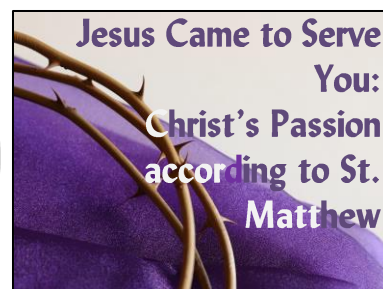
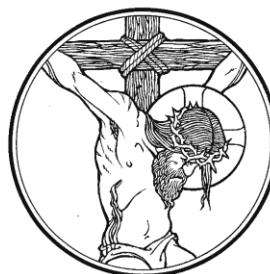
of sympathy from any who read it. It is too bad that such an injustice was foisted upon Jesus. It is too bad that his friends forsake him and even his father in heaven. But Jesus goes to his cross to serve our greatest need. He goes there for the forgiveness of

our sins and the hope of our resurrection. A ransom is what is given in exchange. It is something paid out to redeem someone from the clutches of a dark and sinister fate. The payment price is the blood of Jesus. It is his holy passion. And the dark and sinister fate is the punishment for our sins. We owe this debt to the law of God. And

Christ takes our place. The questions poised and statements made in this series are openings into the passion of our Lord.

They open us up to greater understanding. We watch and learn with the disciples to see and hear what Jesus is accomplishing for us all.

Pastor Bernie Worrall



22 Feb	Matthew 20:17-28	What do you want?
1 March	Matthew 26:1-29	Is it I, Lord?
8 March	Matthew 26:30-56	Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?
15 March	Matthew 26:57-75	I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."
22 March	Matthew 27:1-30	Are you the King of the Jews?
29 March	Matthew 27:31-66	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Easter	Matthew 28:1-10	I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.

Family Serving Groups

Ed Bean, FSG Coordinator, has stated the February group is **Dra** (Duncan-Gunnerson); the March group is **Haa** (Haarstick-Janssen); and the April group is **Jen** (Jenkins-Larson). Thank you for answering 'yes' when asked to volunteer.



"We love, because he first loved us". 1 John 4:19
As we enter the month of February, the 'love month', our thoughts turn to ways of showing love and care for others. Our LWML will be doing just that when we come together for our **Unit Meeting on Wednesday, February 8 @ 5:45 pm**. After a light supper served by Daisy Circle, we will be assembling Valentine bags to be delivered to our Homebound members and writing on cards to be mailed to 'out of town' members. Our business meeting that evening will consist of planning for our Lenten meal serving as well as discussion and ideas for our Women's Spring Brunch. If you are a Confirmation parent or other congregation member that hasn't had a chance to take part in our activities, we encourage you to come and join us as we fellowship and work together!
Mark your calendar and join us for these upcoming events:

Wednesday, February 8 @ 5:45 pm – LWML Unit Meeting

Saturday, February 18 – FM Area Women's Prayer Service, 9:30- about 11:00 @ St.

Andrew, W. Fargo. This year's title is "My Soul Rejoices": A Service of Song and Prayer.

Refreshments will be served beginning at 9:00, prior to the Service.

Wednesday, March 1 – LWML serves Lenten supper @ 5 pm. Each Circle brings 5 doz.

bars/cookies/dessert servings. Other supplies for the meal will be purchased and prepared at church. There will be a sign-up sheet for workers at several different time slots – check the LWML table by mid-February. Many helpers make light work for all!

Sunday, March 5 @ 12:15 – LWML Unit Board Meeting

Check out the purple LWML table in the Welcome Hall, located near the doors into the Celebration

Center! **Spring Messenger Newsletters** have arrived. Also get your **Quarterly magazine**, if you haven't already. It has all the **National LWML Convention information for this summer's gathering in Milwaukee on June 22-25.**

God's blessings to you as you reach out with your love and friendship to those that are lonely, hurting, struggling in any way. A phone call or visit is a great day-brightener for any of us!

In Christ, *Patty Walla, LWML President*



St. Andrew LWML invites all ladies to the LWML Prayer Service, Saturday February 18th
Coffee and treats at 9am
Service starts at 9:30am

MY SOUL REJOICES: A SERVICE OF SONG AND PRAYER

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy ...
(Psalm 5:11a).

The 2023 LWML Prayer Service, written by former LWML Pastoral Counselor Rev. Dr. Mitchel Schuessler of Clarinda, Iowa, will bless your heart and life as you join with your sisters and brothers in singing songs of prayer and praise to the Lord who continues to bless you daily. Singing familiar hymns, joining together in the Word, and spending time in prayer, individually and corporately, will help you recognize and give thanks for your God-given blessings. "My Soul Rejoices" is filled with hymns, the Word, and prayer. You can look forward to a joyous and uplifting worship service whether it is used in the congregation or the LWML district, zone, or group.

Pastor Giddings is moving to Nebraska!

Crosspointe has invited you and members of your congregation to a farewell luncheon for Pastor Giddings. Crosspointe will have a short farewell program directly **after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Feb 5th**. The luncheon will include a soup, salad, and breadstick lunch, and of course, cake. Everyone is welcome to attend. It will be casual.

The Immanuel Image is edited by Parish Administrative Assistant, Louise M. Tegtmeier. Parish Workers Circle of Immanuel LWML assembles the newsletter, usually on the last Thursday of each month. Distribution to members & friends is sent monthly via USPS. Subscription changes: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 Broadway, Fargo, ND 58102-2637; 701-293-7979; Immanuel.fargo@gmail.com. Website: www.immanuelfargo.org

“Main Street Living” Media Ministry February Update



“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

The Christian season of Lent begins this month – and with it comes a special time to prepare for two of the most important historical events of the Church year, the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord! As we consider our fallen sinful condition and need for a Savior, may God’s Holy Spirit open the doors of our hearts ever wider -- that we may more fully understand and receive the redeeming work of our Lord!

Please continue to share information about our LCMS “Main Street Living” media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com – then click on the link under the picture identified as **“Fargo.”**

Thank you for your needed financial support! Checks may be sent to “Main Street Living NORTH,” 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account on the website. God’s blessing in Christ!

“MSL North” Programs for Feb 2023:

Feb 5th: **Rev. Bruce Block**, Immanuel Lutheran Church, McIntosh, MN, presents the message: **“A Message of Wisdom or Power?”** based on 1 Corinthians 2:15. *This Is the Life* program: **“The Gift”** - A daughter struggles over what to do with birthday gift money.

Feb 12th: **Rev. Michael Suelzle**, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Niagara, ND, Grace Lutheran Church, Lakota, ND, and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, ND, presents the message: **“A New Creation”** based on Matthew 5:29-30. *This Is the Life* program: **“The Priceless Book”** - Money and health troubles on the farm lead a father to God’s Word for comfort.

Feb 19th: **Rev. Jim Meyer**, member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, presents the message: **“The Son Gives Light Beyond Words!”** based on Matthew 17:1-9. *This Is the Life* program: **“In Search of Dignity”** - Two factory workers struggle to find meaning after they are replaced by machines.

Feb 26th: **Rev. Douglas Thompson**, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fischer, MN, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Euclid, MN, presents a message based on Matthew 4:1-11. *This Is the Life* program: **“Which Way Grows the Vine”** - A father struggles to accept the consequences of his actions and set an example for his son.

Scholarship Applications Information from the Board of Education

Synodical College/Seminary/Colloquy

The Immanuel Board of Education is pleased to announce the availability of the 2023-2024 Synodical College/Seminary Scholarship application. All interested members are encouraged to apply. The link to the application is <https://forms.gle/LjS7vsvY6NgYeVFW6> Should you prefer the link in email, request the link from ilcboardofed@gmail.com

The application is due April 30, 2023. Please contact the email or a member of the Immanuel Board of Education with your questions or comments.

Grace Lutheran School

The Immanuel Board of Education is pleased to announce the availability of the 2023-2024 Grace Lutheran School Scholarship application. All interested families are encouraged to apply. The link to the application is: <https://forms.gle/hBGcpRVUmLP6QJqJ8> Should you prefer the link in email, request the link from ilcboardofed@gmail.com The application is due April 30, 2023. Please contact the email or a member of the Immanuel Board of Education with your questions or comments.

2022 Pictorial Directories – HERE!

The long-awaited Pictorial Directories are here! All those pictured in the directory have a free copy available for pick-up in the Welcome Hall.



Church/school workers and homebound members will also get a free copy. There is a limited supply of extra copies; but, if you are not pictured, you may still get a copy for \$5 from the office.

Note: The addresses in the back of the directory are OLD, please refer to the brand-

new Updated Member Directory that is in the back of the 2022 Annual Report.

To request prayers for the PRAYER CHAIN, contact one of the coordinators: Clarice Michel (Claricemichel39@gmail.com; 701-237-9759) or Sandi Gardner-Leikas (701-237-9661; srendrag76@gmail.com). You may also wish to join the prayer chain. Contact Clarice or Sandi to volunteer. *Note: Prayer Chain items do NOT go on the Prayer Page of the Immanuel News unless directed to do so.*

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

Thrivent members are encouraged to designate their Thrivent Choice Dollars if they have not already done so. Any 2022 Choice Dollars that have not been designated by March 31st will be removed from your account. Choice Dollars designated for the benefit of Immanuel are used to support our youth, college students, LWML, music, facility improvements and other programs. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Mayland or Wayne Hankel. We thank all those that have supported Immanuel in the past.



A representative
from Gideons
International
presented

minuteman talks on Sunday, January 15th. He contacted us to inform the congregation that he is ever so thankful for the offering given that morning, which totaled \$1,005.00. Extra offering brochures are located on the Welcome Hall table.

GFF Campaign Update

All Campaign Sub-Committee Chairs have been filled except for the Promotional Director Chair (Note: Samantha Albrecht and Susie Danner have been working on themes, slogans, and other promotional needs, which will be released soon).

- Campaign Consultant: Ed Bean
- Bible Studies: Pastor Worrall
- Campaign Co-Chairs: Erick Esping and Lorinda & Mitch Semanko

Immanuel Image, February 2023

February Worship Assistants				
Feb 5	8:15 am	Elder: Andrew E Acolyte: Mckinley E Usher Team: Stahlecker Greeter: C Michel Video: Kay Tegtmeier	11 am	E: Andrew Eggebraaten A: Elsa S UT: Diers G: Erick/Lisa Esping
Feb 12	8:15 am	E: Peter Woyen A: Leah G UT: Montana G: Diane Heagle V: Samuel Boateng	11 am	E: Peter Woyen A: Madden T UT: McCoy G: Patrick/Jane Moltzan
Feb 19	8:15 am	E: Russell Bubach A: Wyatt S UT: Semanko G: P/D Mayland V: Kay Tegtmeier	11 am	E: Russell Bubach A: TBA UT: Esping G: J/M Gornowicz
Feb 22	4:15 pm	Noon: Volunteers for all A: Scarlett H UT: Volunteer G: Volunteer	6 pm	A: Maris H UT: Volunteer G: Volunteer V: Kay Tegtmeier
Feb 26	8:15 am	E: Steve Larson A: Mckinley E UT: Rachow G: Clarice Michel V: Samuel Boateng	11 am	E: Steve Larson A: Perrin B UT: Roesler/Rolf G: Bill Piper

- Leadership Gift Director: Clarice Michel
- Group Visit Director: Clint Podoll
- Continuation Director: Jeremy Rolf
- Celebration Co-Directors: Sara McNett & Sandi Gardner-Leikas
- Planned Gift Director: Ed Bean and TBD

The GFF Campaign Committee has been meeting weekly and soon will be reaching out for more volunteers to help with sub-committee tasks, which require many hands to be successful.

The next important task for the GFF Committee will be to determine individual visit and phone call visit lists and recruit volunteers to assist with this process. Training will be provided. Please be prepared for this part of the campaign, as this is an opportunity for the entire congregation to fully understand and participate in the process of this GFF Campaign.

The Kickoff celebration will be held at the Marriott in Moorhead on April 23, 2023 from 4:00 – 6:30 pm. Fellowship, Hymn Sing, Other Music, Keynote Speaker(s), Quiet Phase Announcement, and a Full Meal/Dessert will take place during the Kickoff Celebration.

A complete timeline of the Campaign and the project is being completed and will be released soon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lorinda, Mitch, Erick, or Ed Bean.

Lorinda/Mitch Semanko & Erick Esping

God's Firm Foundation co-chairs.



1Feb – Theresa Hosford
2Feb – Sara Danielson
4Feb – Emilee Stevens
6Feb – [Len Leikas](80)
7Feb – Ben Kirklewski Jr.; Shari Soori; Kinley Klein; Diane Heagle
8Feb – Riley Gira, Nyla Nolte (96); Nick Ill; Brenda Schmidt

9Feb – Jim Thoreson; Kay Tegtmeier
10Feb – Megan Kreklau
12Feb – Shirley Bahma; Meghan Tegtmeier; Carole Olimb
14Feb – Amanda Gangelhoff; Bella Salmonson; Ava McDonald (1)
15Feb – Reid Kittelson; Lisa Hustad; Ella Jacobson; Susan Gemar
16Feb – Natalie Tegtmeier; Madden Tollefson; Don Dettling
17Feb – Greta Gornowicz (5)
19Feb – Ken Sieler; Jeff Haarstick; Jennifer Wilkie
20Feb – Kris Lym; *Immanuel is 73!*
21Feb – Candy Nelson; Spencer Harwood
23Feb – Madeline Croucher; Elsie Collins (5)
24Feb – Hidie Larson; Ben Diers; Erling Podoll (98)
25Feb – Bryce Ressler
26Feb – Tim Preuss; Jerry Bierdeman (83)
27Feb – Travis Klein
28Feb – Steve Trautman, Megan Kunkel; James Trandem (9); Briar Hanson (7); Arthur Wendel (3)

16Feb – Bruce & Kay Levenson (65th)

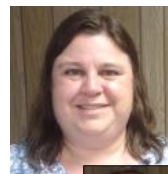
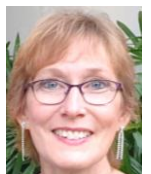
26Feb – Ken & Ilse Sieler (50th)



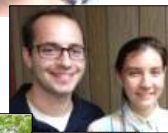
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From (date)	Honor/MEMORY
Tim Flakoll (1-16)	Alden & Wilma Flakoll

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
12-31-2022			
	BUDGET	2022	2021
* RECEIPTS *			
REGULAR ENVELOPES	\$550,000.00	\$565,374.30	\$561,311.10
PLATE OFFERINGS	\$10,000.00	\$11,305.50	\$7,465.50
SPEC. SERVICES & MISC.	\$20,000.00	\$17,290.24	\$21,927.50
ASSETS RELEASED	\$69,000.00	\$24,932.25	\$55,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$649,000.00	\$618,902.29	\$645,704.10
* EXPENSES *			
MISSIONS	\$116,000.00	\$118,556.21	\$117,803.06
ELDERS	\$28,500.00	\$29,916.15	\$30,909.56
EVANGELISM	\$3,750.00	\$3,055.15	\$3,537.50
STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE	\$3,450.00	\$3,217.40	\$3,411.03
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$43,950.00	\$53,415.78	\$36,477.59
TRUSTEES	\$125,000.00	\$89,327.19	\$122,690.56
ADMINISTRATION	\$283,370.00	\$285,893.72	\$272,315.89
HUMAN CARE	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
CAMPUS MINISTRY	\$72,830.00	\$74,112.84	\$70,782.63
ENDOWMENT	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$681,100.00	\$659,744.44	\$660,177.82
HOME PURPOSES PLUS (MINUS)	(\$32,100.00)	(\$40,842.15)	(\$14,473.72)
YEAR-TO-DATE REC'D			
BOTW-BLDG. MAINT. FUND		\$20,214.69	\$13,667.67
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS		\$5,094.00	\$7,919.00

Space is short this month, so here are the names of several of the missionaries that Immanuel has recently supported: Becky Grossmann (was here in 2021) – just returning from an African trip for Lutheran Bible Translators [lbt.org]



Becky Bartelt (was here in Nov)—beginning music mission to Taiwan
Rev. Philip & Rachel Jaseph – missionaries in Uruguay [no photo here]



Rev. Nathaniel & Emma Jensen – Germany; **Ashley Lehr** – Puerto Rico



Rev. Tyler & Yanela McMiller family – Italy; **Rev. Paul & Gena Nelson** family – Indonesia [no photo here]. Contact Mission Central (“not normal” Gary Theis, director) for news and ways to donate to these

missionaries. [missioncentral.us] Agreements are also in the Sign-Up Center.

ND District LCMS Message in a Pew

January 2023

Tell the Good News About Jesus

February 10-11, 2023

Ramada Inn, Bismarck

Have you ever wanted to reach out to others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ but did not? Have you ever wanted to encourage family members with the Good News of salvation by grace through faith, but struggle with how to accomplish it? Have you been concerned about the future of your loved ones concerning eternal life? Have you been concerned about the future of your congregation or the church throughout the world? Do you want others to share the joy and peace of God's grace and mercy in His Son, Jesus Christ? If your answer to any of these questions is "Yes," join us for the "Tell the Good News about Jesus" convocation.



Our theme for the conference is Psalm 51 and the Joy of our Salvation. Keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, Mid-South District President, and Milo Hatzebuller will be providing Friday evening entertainment.

For more information and to register, go to nodaklcms.org or use the QR code.

Congregations' Status

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

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

St. Martin-Anamoose; St. John-Kongsberg: have formed a multi-congregational parish with St. Peter, Sawyer and are served by Rev. Tim Stout.

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

Trinity-Drayton; Zion-English, Grafton; St. John-Crystal: vacancy (Rev. Craig Fenske).

Zion, Gwinner: Rev. Timothy Fitzner, Christ Lutheran, Normal, IL has returned the call (Rev. Chris Durham).

Peace-Garrison; St. Matthew-Max: vacancy (Rev. Nathan Schieber).

Pres. Arie Bertsch

Pastors & DCE's

Rev. Michael Giddings, Crosspointe, Fargo, has accepted a call to the Nebraska District as Chaplain at the University of Nebraska.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS Financial Information December 2022

INCOME:

Congregational Mission Giving	\$100,438.54
Less Synodical Pledge (35%)	(\$35,153.49)
Net Congregational Mission Giving	\$65,285.05
Other Unrestricted Gifts	4,834.96
1-1-1 Mission Giving	2,577.14
Current gifts/fees for missions	15,487.89
Available Income	\$88,185.04

EXPENSES:

Local Missions and Committee Activities:	\$12,779.22
(Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	
Congregational Support/Operating Expenses	31,111.56
(Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	
International/Local Missions	
Christ's Care for Children - Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$20,000)	0.00
Chile Mission - Special Events	3,602.00
Shepherd's Hill Retreat (\$5,000)	0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	
Current Expenses	\$46,351.98
NET OPERATING INCOME FOR DECEMBER	\$41,833.06
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$1,822.18
Year To Date NET INCOME	\$80,085.31

Timing is everything and some end of year contributions came in December. The District's fiscal year closes on January 31 so December end-of-year gifts can be included in the totals. Chili for Chile special event funds were paid out to the Chile Mission.

Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our convention resolution missions are sent at the end of each fiscal quarter. YTD designated gifts for these missions as of December 31, 2022:

Christ's Care for Children - Kenya	\$6,558.47
Chile Partnership	\$4,450.50
Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$7,315.86

Please contact Tami Ulland at lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com or call 701-360-1469 if you have more questions.

You can now use your credit/debit card to donate directly to the District. Click on the Joyful Response button on nodaklcms.org to pick where you would like your donation directed.

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