



DISTRICT NEWS

NORTH DAKOTA

MISSION GIVING

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL BROUGHT A VOLUNTARY OFFERING TO THE LORD. EVERY MAN AND WOMAN WHOSE HEART WAS WILLING CONTRIBUTED TO ALL THE WORK WHICH THE LORD HAD COMMANDED MOSES TO DO. — Ex. 35:29



- ▶ Iglesia Luterana de Chile (\$25,000 per year)
- ▶ Church Worker Student Aid (\$41,500 per year, estimated)
- ▶ Youth Ministry (\$7,000 per year)
- ▶ Main Street Living (\$2,000 per year)
- ▶ Deaf Ministry (\$5,000 per year)
- ▶ Life Skills and Transition Center (\$13,200 per year)
- ▶ Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel (\$109,530 per year)

All these district missions fully funded would cost \$213,230 per year. Even if only a third of all baptized members participate, that is \$349,491 per year. That leaves \$136,261 for further mission work!

It is voluntary, but we believe that as

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The North Dakota District is adopting a new model for funding the district missions. This model was first implemented in the English District in June 2018 and was commended to all districts by the Synod in convention this past July. It is completely voluntary and very simple — it is not burdensome.



Rev. Arie Bertsch
District President

million to share the love of God in Christ Jesus with the people of North Dakota and the world. This giving would be in addition to your congregation's regular offerings to the district, but would not be included in the tithe to Synod.

This would help:

- ▶ Christ's Care for Children: Kenya (\$10,000 per year)

The model is 1.1.1: 1 Dollar – 1 Baptized Member – 1 Week, every week.

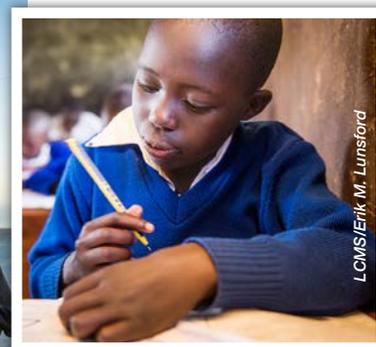
Every baptized member of the Body of Christ in your congregation, from the newest baby to the oldest member is involved. It demonstrates the power of the body of Christ working together, prompted by faith, within our North Dakota District. It shows how much can be accomplished by many who are giving little.

This model would accomplish \$20,163 for district missions every week! That is more than \$1 million for missions every year!

Think of the possibilities: More than \$1



Rev. Juan Pablo Lanterna of the Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile speaks with children in the historic port city of Valparaíso, Chile.



A student prepares for an exam on at the Propoi Primary School in Chepareria, Kenya.

The North Dakota District supports both these missions.

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God's people see and hear what is being accomplished — specifically and directly in support of existing missions and development of new missions — more and more of us will want to be involved.

This funding model is based on the belief that “there is power and strength in many giving a little.” Loving our neighbor includes caring for their spiritual well-being. This is why the need exists for God's people to come together in support of missions that are bearing kingdom fruit.

God's generosity is not lacking! The gifts are there. Where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and the Sacraments are administered according to their institution by Christ, there are ample resources to participate.



Is this \$1 included in the members' regular stewardship giving? No. This is \$1 extra given every week. Please do not subtract a dollar from anywhere else.

Can an individual's offering for 1-1-1 be made in a periodic lump sum? I encourage participating individuals to use the dollar-a-week theme when they donate. A single check for \$52 in lieu of a dollar each week is not in line with one of our stated outcomes, which is to support a mission and stewardship lifestyle in us, our children and our grandchildren.

Are these extra dollars for missions used in the local congregation? No. The purpose of this model is to gather dollars

for missions outside of the local congregation or community. They are intended for the missions that the district has been asked to support by you, the members.

Why are baptized children also included and not just communicant members?

They are members of the body of Christ. Their parents or grandparents can give the dollar for them. This model incorporates the whole body of Christ working together. Letting young children put their dollar in the 1-1-1 collection box (if you can't find it, ask your pastor where it is) teaches them from an early age to be involved in the support of missions.

How can our congregation obtain more information about a specific mission 1-1-1 is funding? Please visit nodaklcms.org or contact me at lcms.nd.dp@outlook.com. I would be more than happy to visit and present on the missions and 1-1-1.



I know you all are busy in this season of Lent, but this is just a friendly announcement and reminder that the **North Dakota District Convention** is scheduled for Jan. 24-27, 2021 in Fargo.

That means that it is time to start thinking of overtures, and nominations for pastoral and lay delegates, Board of Directors' positions, president,



vice-presidents and secretary. Rev. Josh Reimche, our district secretary, will send information about deadlines and such to you as the year goes on.

The convention theme is “Rejoice in the Lord always! Rejoice!” (from Phil. 4:4-7).

Blessings in Christ
Rev. Arie Bertsch, District President

St. Andrew to host Continuing Education event

Rev. Dr. Erik Herrmann will present on “Reforming Christian Devotion” as part of the Concordia Seminary Continuing Education Workshop Series. The event will be held Aug. 3-5 at St. Andrew, West Fargo.

Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew senior pastor, attended Dr. Herrmann's presentation at the 2019 Theological Symposium and writes: “It is instructive for us today to see how the Lord worked through Luther. Luther didn't attempt this alone but built on the work of others and others worked with him to bring about such a reformation in devotion.”

Herrmann writes: “As in Luther's day, we are surrounded by many devotional resources and practices, as well as many ideas of what constitutes Christian devotion and facilitates spiritual growth. De-



Herrmann

spite the confusion, Luther did not start from scratch, but offered guidance for evangelical ways to practice Christian devotion with what was available. This workshop will explore some of Luther's insights and principles for the reform of Christian devotion and draw from them as we consider our own context in today's church.”

Dr. Herrmann is associate professor of Historical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He is emerging as one of the leading Luther scholars in the world, as evidenced by an invitation extended to him to give a plenary paper at the International Luther Congress. His academic interests in Luther studies are complemented by an equally strong interest in questions related to Lutheran piety and the devotional writings of the late Middle Ages and Reformation, especially as they pertain to pastoral care.

Register only at csl.edu/resources/continuing-education/workshop-series.

MLSN has Easter schedule

Spread the word!



Special programming on “Main Street Living North” (MLSN) for the Easter season begins on Palm Sunday, April 5, with “The Holy Land–The Eternal Rock Tour.” The one-hour documentary will replace the “This is the Life” segment and the local worship service. The documentary shows the locations where many biblical events occurred.

On Easter Sunday, **Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer** will deliver a special message. Dr. Meyer will retire as president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, at the end of the school year.

Mark your calendars for these two special services. If you are attending services at the time the program airs, you can watch these presentations at mainstreetliving.com until the Friday of the week following the broadcast.

On April 19, **Rev. Clark Jahnke**, senior pastor of St. Andrew, West Fargo, presents the message “Recognizing Jesus,” based on Luke 24:13-35. The Lutheran Hour Ministries animated program “3 Days” will replace “This Is The Life.”

On April 26, **Rev. Kirk Lee**, pastor of Immanuel, Parkers Prairie, Minn., presents the message “That You May Believe,” based on John 20:19-31.



You and I have the most important message in the world! That message is that our Creator God loves us so much that He left the splendor of heaven to come down to earth and redeem His fallen creation, including each person reading this article, and every person watching any episode of *Main Street Living*! This He did through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, God the Son, the benefits of which are received freely by grace through faith! May we always take this to heart and share it — and especially during this special season of Lent!

Please continue to share information about our “Main Street Living” media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view all archived programs anytime at mainstreetliving.com. Click the link under the picture identified as “North (Fargo).”

Thank you for your much-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!

Ken Koehler
Volunteer Coordinator, Main Street Living North

About MLSN

“Main Street Living North” (MLSN) is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota districts, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour Ministries program (usually “This Is The Life,” along with occasional church-season specials).

Programs are broadcast at 9 a.m. central time on the following Fox stations:

- ▶ KVRR Fargo-Moorhead, Channel 15.1
- ▶ KBRR Thief River Falls-Grand Forks, Channel 10.1
- ▶ KJRR Jamestown, Channel 7.1
- ▶ KNRR Pembina, Channel 12.1

Programs are broadcast at 10 a.m. central time on WDAY and affiliate Xtra channels:

- ▶ WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3 Fargo-Moorhead



- ▶ WDAZ Xtra Channel 8.3 Grand Forks
- ▶ KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3 Bismarck/Dickinson
- ▶ KMCY Xtra Channel 14.3 Minot/Williston

For a list of cable and satellite stations and their channel assignments in your area, please contact your church office. MLSN programs are also archived and can be viewed at any time on mainstreetliving.com/north.



Send submissions for the district supplement to **Marie Johnson** at news@nodaklcms.org



Candidates sought for offices

The LWML North District Nominating Committee is still seeking candidates for the following positions to be voted on during the upcoming district convention:

- ▶ President
- ▶ Vice-President of Mission Grants
- ▶ Vice-President of Human Care
- ▶ Vice-President of Communication
- ▶ Treasurer

If you wish to serve in one of these offices, please send an email to nominating@ndlwml.org.

The district convention will be held June 26-28 at Delta Hotel in Fargo. The theme, "Great is the Lord," is based on Ps. 145:1-3:

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

For more information, visit ndlwml.org/convention-2020.

Follow in Paul's footsteps

Christian Travelers of the North is presenting a trip to Greece: "In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle," featuring a three-night Greek Islands and Turkey cruise, to be held May 6-16.

Tour highlights include Athens, a taverna dinner show, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Meteora, Delphi, Corinth and the Acropolis.

For more information, download the brochure at lcms.org/greece-trip-may-2020.

Blessings at All Faith's Chapel

The folks at All Faith's Chapel in the Life Skills and Transition Center in Grafton have many opportunities to hear the message of free salvation in Jesus Christ.

Worship is held every Sunday and during the high points of the liturgical calendar. Volunteers take part in guiding Bible studies regularly. In the last few months, there have been several hospital and sick calls, along with funeral and memorial services.

This past Christmas, chapel members presented a Christmas pageant and invited members of a visiting accreditation organization to attend. It was a wonderful time and well received. We have a choir consisting of staff and clients who sing at funerals and memo-

rial services. An offering is taken every Sunday and contributors voted to divide those offerings between Project 24 and the North Dakota District.

Not long ago, we celebrated our first adult baptism in a long time. Last Sunday, we said farewell to that individual, who is moving to another part of the state. Get ready — your church may be contacted when we send one of our brothers and sisters off to a new town or neighborhood.

Your offerings help to support the Gospel proclamation here and we may send them to you and request that you give them spiritual care in their new home. Thank you for your support.

Rev. Bernie Seter

SHEPHERD'S HILL AT THE CROSSROADS

Almost time for camp!

Camp season is just around the corner. You can sign up for your favorite camp at shretreat.org, or get a brochure at your church. If you have any questions, please call 701-244-5225 for details.

Looking for a summer job? We are looking for college-age camp counselors or more experienced adults to help out this summer. Contact us today!

We would like to say "Thank You!" Please watch our website to find out when a free-will "Thank You" meal will be offered near you, and a chance to learn more about the resources available to you at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads.

Rev. Jon Bonine • Executive Director

- ▶ director@shretreat.org
- ▶ shretreat.org
- ▶ [Facebook.com/shretreat](https://www.facebook.com/shretreat)

Higher Things conferences

Groups are going in two different directions this summer — one to Colorado (June 29-July 2) and one to Michigan (July 21-24). There is group transportation being arranged for both locations, along with some fun events along the way!

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Colorado Trip Coordinator:
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For more information, please check out the Watermarked website: higherthings.org/conferences/watermarked2020