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NEBRASKA DISTRICT - LCEF

Together in Christ— Rejoicing for Eternity

A Few Thoughts



There is a remarkable painting that some of you may have seen at one time or another entitled, "Holy Saturday." It portrays the eleven disciples gathered together with the doors shut, fearful of their enemies.

There is no smile of hope on their faces. It is the evening of the darkest day of their lives. Jesus lies in the tomb and their hope lies buried with Him. "We trusted," they are saying, "that it was He who should have redeemed Israel."

But now, their trust and hope are gone. Peter sits with his head in his hands. John is trying to comfort him but finds no words. Disappointed, discouraged,

baffled and bewildered as they think about the future—each face expresses deep sorrow and despair. Jesus is dead.

But that painting tells only half the story. The Good News of Easter is that Christ is risen! What hope, joy and peace this can bring into our lives. It is through faith in Jesus who conquered death that we have victory over sin, death and Satan. The Apostle Paul put it this way: *"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* (1 Cor. 15:55-56)

When the great Christian and scientist, Sir Michael Faraday, was dying, some journalists questioned him as to his speculations for a life after death. Speculations!" said he, "I know nothing about speculations. I'm resting on certainties. 'I know that my Redeemer lives,' and because He lives, I shall live also."

That is Jesus' promise to you and me. His victory is ours!

A blessed Easter as you celebrate life in our risen Savior and Lord!

Rev. Gene Gierke
Romans 15:13



From Generation to Generation

LCEF offers the new option to invest in the ministry while making a tax-deductible contribution. The **Next Generation Note** unites both invested and contributed dollars to strengthen

LCEF capability to offer future loans and services to LCMS ministries. With your investment commitment (minimum \$5000) and gift participation in this note (10%), you will earn an additional pre-

mium interest rate for the initial term of the note (5 years).

For more information or an application, contact Gene Gierke at:

402-641-1485.

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Summer Jobs Available! Apply NOW!

NAILS is a simple idea. College students sign up to work for an LCMS congregation or organization constructing its own facilities. NAILS helps arrange living accommodations with the participating congregation.

NAILS

STUDENT LABORERS FOR CHRIST

Students are paid minimum wage as an employee of the congregation or organization constructing its facilities, and work under the supervision of experienced construction workers

and managers, who also willingly work for minimum wage as a ministry service to the congregation/organization.

As part of the NAILS team, students will have the chance to:

- Travel to other parts of the country
- Work as a team with other students and skilled Laborers for Christ
- Help churches save money
- Grow and be renewed spiritually
- Put their God-given skills to work

To learn more about the NAILS program and Laborers For Christ, visit www.lcef.org.



NAILS Worker, Concordia Jr./Sr. High School, Omaha

Make a Special Interest Gift with your Interest

Do you know about the Special Interest Fund at Lutheran Church Extension Fund? This program allows you to contribute all or a part of the inter-



est earned on your LCEF investment to a ministry close to your heart. Any ministry listed in the current *Lutheran Annual* is an eligible recipient.

To learn more about the program, contact the National LCEF office:

1-800-843-5233.



Thank-You Breakfasts

It is with thanksgiving in our hearts for your support of the mission of LCEF that we have invited you to a complimentary Thank-You Breakfast. Invitations were mailed last month for the buffet-style breakfasts served throughout the District.

The breakfast schedule is as follows:

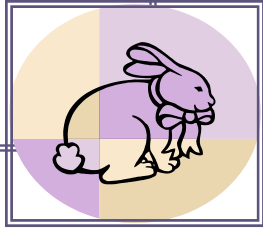
- April 17—Misty's, Havelock
- April 24—Chances R, York
- May 1—Prenger's, Norfolk
- May 15—Holiday Inn Midtown, Grand Island
- June 5—Wunderlich's Catering, Columbus
- June 12—Ole's Big Game Steakhouse, Paxton

Please RSVP to Jan Bruick by phone: 1-888-643-2961 or by email: janbruick@ndlcm.org.



Stewardship Matters to Us!

If you would like to receive this monthly newsletter via email rather than by US mail, please contact Jan Bruick either by phone: (888-643-2961) or by email: janb@ndlcms.org.



“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but the seeds that you plant.”



Robert Louis Stevenson

LCEF Mission

The mission of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund is to support the Church in fulfilling its mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being a Christ-centered servant partner of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, ensuring that funds and services are available now and in the future.



Ministry Partnership With YOU!

God has truly blessed us in so many ways: individually, as congregations, and also as a church body. One of the ways the LCMS is so blessed is through all of our ministry partnerships. For virtually a century now, the vast majority of LCMS congregations and members have partnered through the ministry of Church Extension to provide

the “place and space” to share God’s Word, Sacraments, and love.

To continue this tradition of ministry partnership, please prayerfully consider adding LCEF to your investment portfolio, or if you already invest in LCEF, keeping that commitment at maturity. Investments are critical in keeping the circle of support going and

ensuring future loan demand can be met.

To find out the many ways LCEF can be a part of your financial plans, contact Gene Gierke at 1-888-643-2961.



Joyful Response

Through the *Joyful Response* program, LCEF offers LCMS organizations and members an automated stewardship opportunity allowing an easy and convenient method to electronically deposit offerings, tuition payments, and donations into an LCEF StewardAccount®.

This FREE service allows direct contributions from a member’s personal account to the church’s LCEF Steward Account®—and it’s safer and easier than writing a check.



Electronic payments benefit your church, school, or any LCMS ministry by improving cash flow and reducing costs.

To learn more about the *Joyful Response* program, contact the Nebraska District Office.



Lutheran Church Extension Fund Investment Interest Rates

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1-800-843-5233
www.lcef.org

10733 Sunset Office Drive
Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63127

StewardAccount® Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$100	--	0.625%
\$1,000	--	0.750%
\$5,000	--	1.125%
\$10,000	--	2.125%

Dedicated Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$100	--	0.500%
\$1,000	--	0.625%
\$5,000	--	0.750%

Custodial accounts for minors: \$25

Fixed Term Notes

(Minimum Investment \$500)

	Rate	APY
6 Month	--	1.125%
9 Month	--	1.250%
1 Year	--	1.375%
18 Month	--	1.625%
2 Year	--	1.750%
3 Year	--	1.875%
5 Year	--	3.500%
6-10 Year	--	2.750%
11-15 Year	--	3.000%
16-20 Year	--	3.250%

Floating Term Notes

(Minimum Investment \$100)

	Rate	APY
2½ Year (30 Month)	--	1.670%
5 Year (60 Month)	--	2.320%

Next Generation Note*

(Minimum Investment \$5000)

	Fixed Term - Rate	APY
Next Generation	--	5.000%

Family Emergency StewardAccount Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$25	--	2.250%

Balances of <\$10,000 require monthly electronic investments

HSA FlexPlus Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$1	--	2.000%
\$2,500	--	2.500%
\$5,000	--	3.000%
\$15,000	--	3.500%

IRA Dedicated Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$100	--	0.625%
\$1,000	--	0.750%
\$5,000	--	1.125%
\$10,000	--	2.125%

IRA Jumbo Notes

(Minimum Investment \$100,000)

	Rate	APY
5 Year Fixed	--	4.125%
60 Month Floating	--	2.695%

Cemetery Perpetual Care StewardAccount® Certificate

	Rate	APY
\$1,000	--	2.125%
\$25,000	--	2.250%
\$50,000	--	2.375%
\$100,000 +	--	2.625%

Congregation Endowment Note

(60-Month Floating)

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$1,000	--	2.695%
\$10,000	--	2.820%
\$100,000	--	2.945%

Congregation Endowment Note

(5-Year Fixed)

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$1,000	--	2.695%
\$10,000	--	2.820%
\$100,000	--	2.945%

Congregation Certificates

(Minimum Investment \$100)

	Rate	APY
Demand	--	1.125%
StewardAccount® Certificates		
\$100	--	2.125%
\$250,000	--	2.250%
\$500,000	--	2.375%
\$1,000,000 +	--	2.500%

*In conjunction with the purchase of the Next Generation Note, you have made a contribution to the LCEF. A portion of this contribution is non-deductible and considered a premium on the purchase of the note since you are receiving a benefit in return for the contribution (i.e., a 1.5% higher interest rate on the balance of the note). The APY on the principal amount of the Next Generation Note is 5.095%. If the non-deductible portion of the contribution (premium) is deducted from the interest you receive on the note, the yield-to-maturity is reduced to 3.16%.

LCEF is a nonprofit religious organization; therefore, LCEF investments are not FDIC-insured bank deposit accounts. This is not an offer to sell investments, nor a solicitation to buy. The offer is made solely by LCEF's Offering Circular. Investors should carefully read the Offering Circular, which more fully describes associated risks.