NEBRASKA DISTRICT—LCEF

Building for Eternity

A Newsletter for Congregational and Circuit Representatives

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Thanksgiving in the Summer?

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving
And His courts with praise;
Give thanks to Him
And praise His name forever."
Psalm 100:4

Thanksgiving in the summer? Isn't that the holiday reserved for later in the year when all the leaves have turned colors?

During a recent Nebraska District-LCMS office devotion, we were challenged to think of four things to be thankful for? Can you think of four things?

At LCEF, we certainly can!

1. We are thankful for YOU, the LCEF Congregational and Circuit Representatives.
2. We are thankful for congregations partnering with the Nebraska District LCEF through a variety of LCEF programs.
3. We are thankful for the opportunity to share Jesus in Nebraska and throughout the world.
4. We are thankful for Jesus our Savior who loves us and forgives us each and every day.

Thanksgiving shouldn't be "shelved" for a once-a-year celebration. As the psalmist writes, "Give thanks to Him...Praise His name forever."

So, what are you waiting for? Give **THANKS!**

Upcoming Circuit Meetings:

July 19—Fremont

August 9—Holdrege

August 16—Lincoln/Beatrice

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Thanksgiving and direction for the Strategic Ministry Planning process at Trinity, Auburn.*
- *Protection for Laborers for Christ as they work at Good Shepherd, Milford, Concordia Lutheran School, Omaha, and Zion, Hampton*
- *For Rev. Ken & Marlene Block, Seward, Laborers for Christ workers, grieving the loss of son, Tim, in an accident.*

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"I have an idea . . ."

The following ideas were shared at recent LCEF circuit congregational representative meetings. Maybe these ideas will work in your congregation as well.

- Request prayers from your congregation for the mission and ministry of LCEF for your local congregation, for the Nebraska district, and for the national office.
- Promote LCEF K.I.D.S. program through Vacation Bible School.

To share ideas that have been successful in your congregation, please mail to Jan Bruick at the Nebrasaka District office or send via email to janb@ndlcms.org.

Our mailing costs are being reduced thanks to those of you who have shared your email address. If you haven't done so, please send your email address to janb@ndlcms.org.

What is a Congregational Representative?

You are the "face" of LCEF for your congregation! You play an essential role in the mission of LCEF, and we sincerely thank you for the time and energy given to share the LCEF mission.

As a Congregation or Circuit Representative, you are encouraged to:

- Share with your pastor, leaders (church secretary, congregation president, church council, elders, Sunday school superintendents, school principal), and members that you are serving as your church's and school's LCEF representative.
- Raise congregational awareness of the importance of LCEF's role in the overall mission and ministry of the LCMS.
- Inform your members of the many opportunities for investing in or giving to LCEF in support of the Great Commission.
- Offer thanks to those who support the mission and ministry of LCEF.

As questions arise, please contact our office. We want to partner with you in serving your congregation's LCEF needs.

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.

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