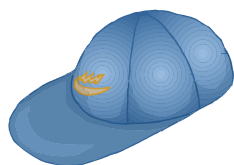




Together in Christ— Rejoicing for Eternity



A Few Thoughts

When I was younger, I had the opportunity to play on a church softball team. I wasn't very good but enjoyed playing anyway. One of the main reasons was that everyone on the team encouraged one another. It didn't matter what position you played – do your best, practice hard, be positive, encourage one another and have fun. If you won, it was all the better.

This reminds me of a portion from God's Word that talks about our life in mission as God's people. It shares that each of us have gifts from God: *"In Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."* (Rom. 12:5-6) What a team God has put together, different gifts and abilities, but all of us so very

important in the mission God has before us.

LCEF celebrates the opportunity to partner with you in that mission. That is what the mission of LCEF is all about, partnering with you in reaching people with the good news of Jesus.

A couple weeks ago, my wife and I were having breakfast at a local café in Seward. As we were looking out the window, we saw a car come down the opposite side of the street. The elderly driver and his passenger saw a parking spot in front of the café and decided to make a U-turn right in the middle of the block to park in that space. He misjudged his turn and took up two spaces. He decided to back up and straighten out his car. The only trouble was that when he came forward, he hit the accelerator a bit

too much and hit the curb hard, just about coming over it and into the wall of the café. When parked, his passenger came over to the driver's side to help him out of the car. It took a little bit as he needed a wheel chair. They came in to the café to eat. When we got up to leave, we walked behind the man who had been driving and happened to see the back of his jacket. On it was the word, "TERMINATOR." I think he must have had the gift of humor as it provided a good laugh.

I don't know what your gifts may be, but I would encourage you to discover and use them to God's glory and the furthering of His mission.

On His team with you,
Rev. Gene Gierke
Romans 15:13



Home Field Advantage

Be sure to take full advantage of sharing the unique ministry of LCEF in your home congregation.

Rev. Gene Gierke is making visits throughout the District to each LCEF congregational representa-

tive. If you don't know who the representative is in your congregation or if you would like information on becoming one, please contact us. We want you "playing for our team!"



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Get into “Scoring Position” with Consecrated Stewards

It is said that congregations that fail to talk about Christian stewardship on a regular basis often find themselves talking about money all year long.

Some congregations do talk about stewardship but only in the context of the annual budget. However, budget-focused stewardship programs rarely raise more than what is needed to meet the budget.

Consecrated Stewards:

- Focuses on the biblical principle of grace-motivated giving, not on church budget shortfalls.

- Urges Christian stewards to take a step forward in faith in light of God’s grace.
- Raises people to a new level of spiritual commitment and annual giving.

Rev. Marion Von Rentzell, Consecrated Stewards Guest Leader for Trinity, Grand Island, commented, “It is heartening to see young members of the leadership team work together with the older members of the team to help enable a wonderful response from the congregation. God is helping this congregation to continue to be a dynamic congrega-

tion in the Nebraska District.”

This congregation saw a 45% increase in giving units completing Commitment Cards over last year, 85% of giving units increased their commitment over last year, and there was a 32% increase in giving from this group over last year.

Praise God for His blessings!

To learn more about Consecrated Stewards, contact the Nebraska District Office at 888-643-2961.



Hit a “Home Run” for School Ministry

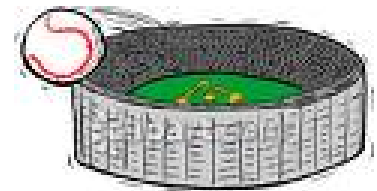
Is your community’s Lutheran preschool, elementary, middle or high school the best kept secret in town? It doesn’t have to be!

Through a partnership with LCEF, schools can order age specific materials that can also be customized with your school information, logo, and mission statement. The actual

materials now available to you include pocket folders, application forms, stationery, brochure templates, postcards, and door hangers.

The four different themes that are available can then each be customized to any school environment: preschool, elementary school or middle school/high school. Marketing effec-

tively in today’s competitive environment is necessary. To view the different themes or learn more about this school marketing resource, go to www.lcefmarketing.com.



Are You “Striking Out” with Interest Paid?

Paying interest on your church or school loan is inevitable. However, when you finance your project with LCEF, your interest helps build other churches and schools. And when ministries are built, lives are changed!

Much of the interest paid on LCEF loans will be reinvested in future

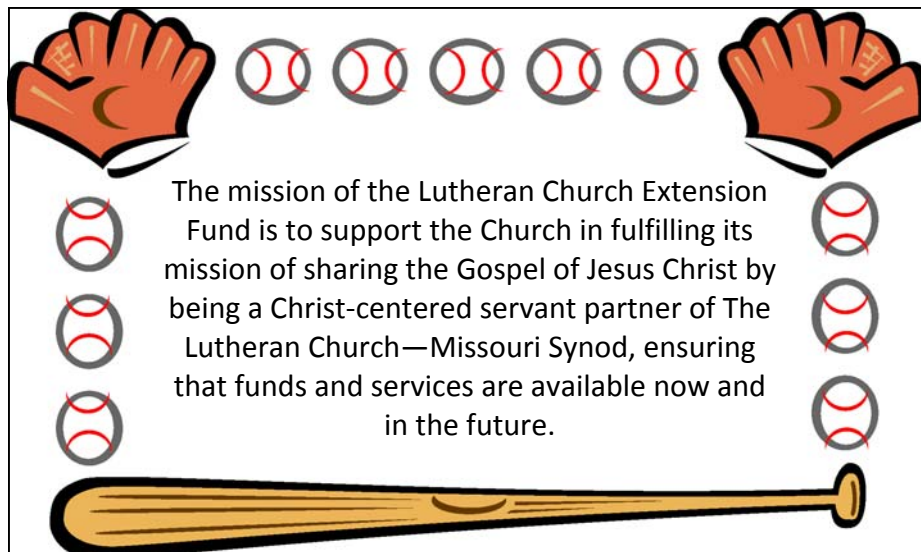
loans to LCMS ministries. That can add up to substantial dollars—funds necessary for other churches and schools to build, expand or reshape their ministries. So, if you must pay interest, why not put it to work in support of the Great Commission?

Whether you need a short-term bridge loan or long-term financing,

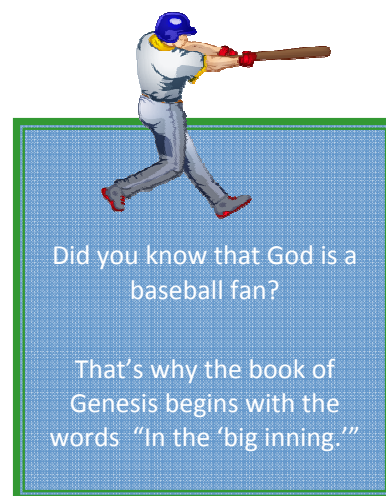
we can provide a low-cost loan to meet your needs. Let us help you design a great financial plan for your church.

Contact the Nebraska District LCEF today at 888-643-2961.





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.



Did you know that God is a baseball fan?

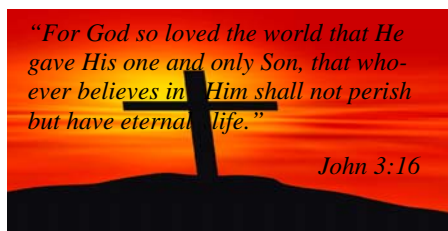
That's why the book of Genesis begins with the words "In the 'big inning.'"

“Grand Slam” Across Nebraska



LCEF is blessed with strong investors and faithful borrowers—and we are thankful for that blessing. This partnership with investors has allowed the Nebraska District – LCEF to use fiscal year-end operating results to offer Outreach Ministry Grants to congregations, schools and related organizations.

Twenty-five \$1,000 grants were awarded in May to those organizations displaying a strong outreach focus, impacting locally, for Jesus Christ. A total of 56 applications were reviewed by the District’s LCEF Committee.



“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

2010 Outreach Grant Awardees

<u>Church</u>	<u>Grant Title</u>
Beautiful Savior, LaVista	Beautiful Savior New Mission
Bethany, Omaha	Taking Christ to the Neighborhood
Cross, Omaha	Neighborhood Outreach for Christ
Cross of Christ, Aurora	“A Night in Bethlehem” Outreach
Divine Shepherd, Omaha	Youth: Growing Disciples to Make Disciples
Grace, Pleasanton/Faith, Hazard	Couples Reaching Couples, Kids Reaching Kids
Holy Cross, Kearney	“Daily Walk With God” Radio Outreach
Living H2O Luth. Campus Min.	2010 Back-to-School Outreach
Messiah, Lincoln	Sharing Christ: “Extreme Bedroom Makeover”
Our Savior, Valentine	Outreach Event for Youth, Family, Community
Peace, Grand Island	Car Care Servant Outreach
Peace, Waverly	Peaceful Beginnings Early Childhood Outreach
Sandhills Lutheran Ministry	Water for Bikers Witness Event
St. Peter, Deshler	County Fair Outreach
Sudanese Ev. Luth. Church in Mission, Omaha	Summer Outreach to Sudanese Children
The Rock, Seward	The Rolling ROCK Outreach Ministry
Trinity, Lincoln	Fiesta de la Trinidad II Outreach Event
University Lutheran, Kearney	Bikes & Bibles for International Students
University Luth. Chapel, Lincoln	Outreach Event Local Neighborhood
University Luth. Chapel, Lincoln	Outreach Event International Students
Walking Together Luth. Min.	“Rake It Out” Outreach & Human Care Project
Walking Together Luth. Min. & Beautiful Savior, LaVista	Building Relationships & Outreach Through: ESL, Citizenship & Computer Classes
Word of Life, Lincoln	Life Transformation Through Christ Training
Zion, Leigh	VBS: Outreach to the Community
Zion, Plainview	Community Witness: Christmas 2010 Cantata



Lutheran Church Extension Fund Investment Interest Rates

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StewardAccount® Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$100	--	0.625% 0.627%
\$1,000	--	0.750% 0.753%
\$5,000	--	1.125% 1.131%
\$10,000	--	2.125% 2.146%

Dedicated Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$100	--	0.500% 0.501%
<i>Custodial accounts for minors: \$25</i>		
\$1,000	--	0.625% 0.626%
\$5,000	--	0.750% 0.752%

Fixed Term Notes

(Minimum Investment \$500)

	Rate	APY
6 Month	--	1.125% 1.130%
9 Month	--	1.250% 1.256%
1 Year	--	1.375% 1.382%
18 Month	--	1.625% 1.635%
2 Year	--	1.750% 1.762%
3 Year	--	2.000% 2.015%
5 Year	--	3.500% 3.546%
6-10 Year	--	2.750% 2.778%
11-15 Year	--	3.000% 3.034%
16-20 Year	--	3.250% 3.290%

Floating Term Notes

(Minimum Investment \$100)

	Rate	APY
2½ Year (30 Month)	--	1.670% 1.680%
5 Year (60 Month)	--	2.320% 2.340%

Next Generation Note*

(Minimum Investment \$5000)

	Fixed Term - Rate	APY
Next Generation	--	5.000% 5.095%

Family Emergency StewardAccount Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$25	--	2.250% 2.273%
<i>Balances of <\$10,000 require monthly electronic investments</i>		

HSA FlexPlus Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$1	--	2.000% 2.018%
\$2,500	--	2.500% 2.529%
\$5,000	--	3.000% 3.042%
\$15,000	--	3.500% 3.557%

IRA Dedicated Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$100	--	0.625% 0.626%
\$1,000	--	0.750% 0.752%
\$5,000	--	1.125% 1.130%
\$10,000	--	2.125% 2.142%

IRA Jumbo Notes

(Minimum Investment \$100,000)

	Rate	APY
5 Year Fixed	--	3.875% 3.932%
60 Month Floating	--	2.695% 2.722%

Cemetery Perpetual Care StewardAccount® Certificate

	Rate	APY
\$1,000	--	2.125% 2.146%
\$25,000	--	2.250% 2.273%
\$50,000	--	2.375% 2.401%
\$100,000 +	--	2.625% 2.657%

Congregation Endowment Note

(60-Month Floating)

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$1,000	--	2.695% 2.722%
\$10,000	--	2.820% 2.850%
\$100,000	--	2.945% 2.978%

Congregation Endowment Note

(5-Year Fixed)

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$1,000	--	2.695% 2.722%
\$10,000	--	2.820% 2.850%
\$100,000	--	2.945% 2.978%

Congregation Certificates

(Minimum Investment \$100)

	Rate	APY
Demand	--	1.125% 1.130%
StewardAccount® Certificates		
\$100	--	2.125% 2.146%
\$250,000	--	2.250% 2.273%
\$500,000	--	2.375% 2.401%
\$1,000,000 +	--	2.500% 2.529%

*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%.

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