



# Nebraska District LCEF

June 2011

## A Few Thoughts

Each week the staff at the Nebraska District Office gathers for Bible study and time of prayer. Over the course of time, we send a request to all congregations asking them to share prayer needs they have so that we, as a staff, can include them in our weekly prayers.



At the present time we are studying the book of Joshua. What a task Joshua had

before him of leading God's people to the Promised Land. Have you ever thought about how Joshua must have felt with this responsibility and calling from God? It would not be easy. I'm sure many thoughts must have come to his mind about the impossibility of this task and whether he was the right person for this calling. In

the midst of it all, God never let him down. As He called Joshua for this task He gave him this wonderful promise: "I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you...Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:5, and 9) Joshua needed this assurance over and over again and found that God kept His promise.

Do you ever have times in your life where you wonder where your life is going and what in the world will happen as it may seem to be reeling out of control? Maybe there has been a job loss, a marriage that is not working, a diagnosis of cancer or other disease, and the list can go on and on. Our God comes

to each of us with the same promise He had for Joshua: **"I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you."**

We all need to hear this precious promise over and over again. What a message of hope we have to share with a world of people who do not know that hope and promise from God in Jesus Christ. The mission of LCEF is to support and partner with you, God's people, in sharing that good news of hope, forgiveness and life in Jesus.

In this month's newsletter read about various ways the hope of Jesus is shared in the Nebraska District. Hold tightly to God's promise and share it with others.

Leaning on God's promises with you,

Rev. Gene Gierke  
Romans 15:13



### Special points of interest:

- Celebrating LCEF Sunday this month!
- RSVP by June 10 for Building & Planning Workshop, Peace, Grand Island
- Register now for K.I.D.S. Workshop, July 30, District Office, Seward

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## Taking Care of Your Personal Business

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### Building & Planning Workshop

As congregational ministry needs change over time, so do the needs to expand or reconfigure ministry facilities. The Nebraska LCEF program invites your church's ministry boards to join us for the "Building & Planning Workshop" to be held on June 18, 2011, at Peace Lutheran, Grand Island.

We all know that before the first shovel of dirt is thrown, a blueprint must be created.

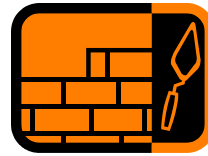


As laborers in His Church, we turn to God's Word in Hebrews 3:4b for direction: "God is the builder of everything."

Throughout the seven break-out sessions, attendees will be guided through the building or remodeling process from start to finish. Experts from around the district and the country will be available to

share their expertise and answer questions that you may have.

Registration forms may be found online at [www.ndlcms.org](http://www.ndlcms.org). Spread the word! If you register a car-load of people from your church by **June 10**, you will receive a special gift from LCEF.



Come discover the right "tools" necessary to expand ministry in your community!

### Tools for Planning, Reaching Your Community

Become a beacon of hope, support and Christian witness in your neighborhood and community. The keys to attracting new people to your ministry begin with understanding their spiritual and educational needs, and then effectively reaching the appropriate audience.

LCEF's demographic service, MissionInsite, and mailing list service can help a ministry develop new mission opportunities, plan for growth, plant new churches and reach more people.

Get "Insite" into the beliefs, values and lifestyle prefer-

ences, personal preferences, life concerns and well-being, social values and charitable contributions of the community in which you serve.

FREE demographic reports are available by contacting the Nebraska LCEF program at 888-643-2961, Ext. 1011.



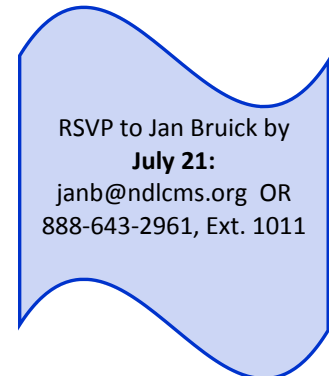
### K.I.D.S. into Stewardship

Many of us have heard the phrase, "Money doesn't grow on trees." As Christians, we strive to practice Godly stewardship—and that is more than money.

LCEF has two specific resources for teaching stewardship principles to children—K.I.D.S. Stamp program and *K.I.D.S. Count* Curriculum. Kids Into Disciple-

ship and Stewardship resources are easy-to-use in your Sunday school, mid-week or day school programs.

Want to learn more? Join us on Saturday, July 30, at the Nebraska District Office from 10 am--2 pm. This workshop is **FREE** and includes lunch!



RSVP to Jan Bruick by **July 21:**  
[janb@ndlcms.org](mailto:janb@ndlcms.org) OR  
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## Impacting Our World

LCEF is blessed with strong investors and faithful borrowers—and we are thankful for this blessing. This partnership with investors has allowed the Nebraska LCEF program to use fiscal year-end operating results to offer Outreach Ministry Grants in the amount of \$1,000 each to congregations, schools and related organizations.



We received many outstanding applications from ministries across the District. The LCEF Committee chose the grants displaying a strong outreach ministry focus, impacting locally.

Highlights of 2011 outreach grants awarded included ministry to the Bhutanese, Sudanese and Hispanics through VBS and camp ministries. International and U.S. college students in Nebraska will benefit from outreach grant dollars for back-to-school events, servant events, and tangible needs. In several of our

communities, Bibles will be placed into children’s hands through outreach events held in our District’s pre-school, mid-week and summer school ministries. Additional outreach events will be held impacting youth and adults to grow spiritually and to share their faith with others.

The opportunities are numerous, and we thank God for the opportunity to share these grant dollars to further His Kingdom.



Grace, Pleasanton/Faith, Hazard



Car Care Day, Peace, Grand Island

## Outreach Opportunities Abound in Nebraska

In May, 2010, LCEF Outreach Ministry Grant award letters were sent throughout the Nebraska District notifying congregations of the \$1,000 award they had received.

Join us as we travel on a LCEF “outreach ministry tour” highlighting some of the events that touched people with the Good News of Jesus over the past year.



Our first stop is in rural Grace, Pleasanton/Faith, Hazard. Pastor Dean Hanson shared that through their “Couples Reaching Couples” ministry, they planned a “Kids Reaching Kids” intentional program to reach out to members’ friends in 4-H, sports and

school for the purposes of inviting them to visit either congregation. Through this outreach effort, 18 students joined their mid-week school program.

Let’s travel east on I-80 to watch the “Iron Men” of Peace, Grand Island, share their car care skills with the elderly, widowed, single-parent families, and those who are financially challenged. Jesus was shared with the owners of 38 vehicles serviced that day. Follow-up calls were also made to assess additional prayer needs.

Our next stop will be in a community of 447 people where a three-day VBS program was created for 42 children. The outreach min-

istry of Zion, Leigh’s, VBS “travelled” to another continent as nearly \$50 was collected for Asian mission work.

Our last stop on this tour is in Omaha where “Living H<sub>2</sub>O” campus ministry was able to share Jesus with students at UNO, Nebraska Methodist, and Creighton University through “back-to-school” events.

Thanks for travelling with us to see the variety of ways in which Jesus is shared with rural and urban communities throughout Nebraska and the world. Your partnership in the LCEF ministry makes future outreach ministry grants possible!



## 2010 Outreach Ministry Grant Highlights



VBS, Zion, Leigh



“Living H<sub>2</sub>O” Campus Ministry



# Lutheran Church Extension Fund Investment Interest Rates

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## StewardAccount® Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$100	--	0.500% 0.501%
\$1,000	--	0.625% 0.627%
\$5,000	--	0.750% 0.753%
\$10,000	--	1.375% 1.384%

## Dedicated Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$100	--	0.375% 0.376%
<i>Custodial accounts for minors: \$25</i>		
\$1,000	--	0.500% 0.501%
\$5,000	--	0.625% 0.626%

## Fixed Term Notes

(Minimum Investment \$500)

	Rate	APY
6 Month	--	0.500% 0.501%
9 Month	--	0.625% 0.626%
1 Year	--	0.750% 0.752%
18 Month	--	1.000% 1.004%
2 Year	--	1.125% 1.130%
3 Year	--	1.375% 1.382%
5 Year	--	2.000% 2.015%
6-10 Year	--	2.250% 2.269%
11-15 Year	--	2.500% 2.524%
16-20 Year	--	3.000% 3.034%

## Floating Term Notes

(Minimum Investment \$100)

	Rate	APY
2½ Year (30 Month)	--	0.720% 0.722%
5 Year (60 Month)	--	1.650% 1.660%

## Next Generation Note\*

(Minimum Investment \$5000)

	Fixed Term - Rate	APY
Next Generation	--	3.500% 3.546%

## Family Emergency StewardAccount Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$25	--	1.500% 1.510%
<i>Balances of &lt;\$10,000 require monthly electronic investments</i>		

## HSA FlexPlus Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$1	--	1.250% 1.257%
\$2,500	--	1.750% 1.764%
\$5,000	--	2.250% 2.273%
\$15,000	--	2.750% 2.785%

## IRA Dedicated Certificate

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$100	--	0.500% 0.501%
\$1,000	--	0.625% 0.626%
\$5,000	--	0.750% 0.752%
\$10,000	--	1.375% 1.382%

## IRA Jumbo Notes

(Minimum Investment \$100,000)

	Rate	APY
5 Year Fixed	--	2.375% 2.396%
60 Month Floating	--	2.025% 2.040%

## Cemetery Perpetual Care StewardAccount® Certificate

	Rate	APY
\$1,000	--	1.250% 1.257%
\$25,000	--	1.375% 1.384%
\$50,000	--	1.500% 1.510%
\$100,000 +	--	1.750% 1.764%

## Congregation Endowment Note

(60-Month Floating)

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$1,000	--	2.025% 2.040%
\$10,000	--	2.150% 2.167%
\$100,000	--	2.275% 2.294%

## Congregation Endowment Note

(5-Year Fixed)

Minimum Investment	Rate	APY
\$1,000	--	2.025% 2.040%
\$10,000	--	2.150% 2.167%
\$100,000	--	2.275% 2.294%

## Congregation Certificates

(Minimum Investment \$100)

	Rate	APY
Demand	--	0.500% 0.501%
StewardAccount® Certificates		
\$100	--	1.250% 1.257%
\$250,000	--	1.375% 1.384%
\$500,000	--	1.500% 1.510%
\$1,000,000 +	--	1.625% 1.637%

\*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 3.546%. 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 1.82%.

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