

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT LCMS

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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INTRODUCTION

Grace, Mercy and Peace in the Name of Jesus Christ,

Happy New Year from the NWD staff! We celebrate and give thanks for the partnership we share in the Gospel. We have accomplished much during 2022 and look forward to our work together in 2023!

Your financial gifts this year provided critical ministry support that most of our congregations could never fund on their own. The North Wisconsin District is one of 35 districts in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, with a ministry area that includes the top half of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We host and support 215 churches, 3 high schools, 19 elementary schools, 30 stand-alone early childhood centers, campus ministry, Camp Luther, veteran's ministry, deaf ministry, Peru ministry, worker wellness, and much more. Our mission statement describes our shared purpose:

Encourage, network and equip Lutheran congregations of the North Wisconsin District LCMS to vigorously make known the love of Christ.

To accomplish our purpose and effectively steward your gifts, we have aligned our staff and your financial resources to support three key outcomes:

Church workers will be encouraged, networked and equipped to fulfill their Calls and vocations.

Congregations will be encouraged, networked and equipped to minister to the needs of all through Word and Sacrament.

Ministry opportunities will be identified and resources deployed to collectively carry out Making Disciples for Life.

We have more to do and need your help. The NWD Convention voted for congregations to support a District-wide campaign to reduce the educational debt of church workers. That work is being prepared and many will be asked to contribute, starting late this summer. Recruiting and training workers who embrace our Lutheran ethos is critical, so Synod's Set Apart to Serve campaign will become more and more visible. The NWD has been piloting a training system to help protect children from abuse, a system that has now been adopted by the Synod and will be made available District-wide this year. And this year we gather for the triennial LCMS Synodical Convention.

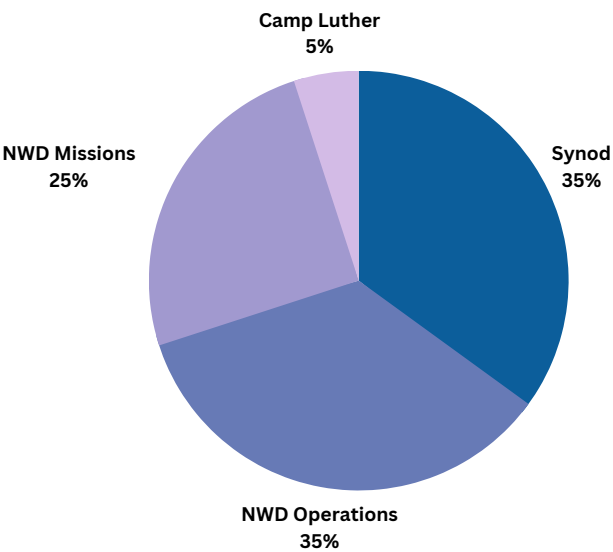
THANK YOU for your gifts and please join us in ministry in 2023! Pray for the workers in the NWD, that they may shine the light of Christ in a dark world. Pray for the ministries in the NWD, that they may proclaim through Word and Sacrament the hope we have in Jesus. Pray for those hearing God's Word, that they would be changed by grace through faith in Christ Jesus. Finally, give financially to the NWD.

Contact me at any time to discuss the ministry we share.

Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck, District President



THE NUMBERS



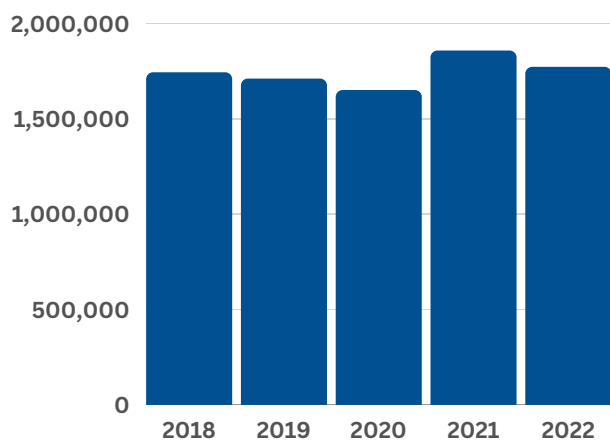
Stewarding Your Resources

35% of each congregational dollar received is sent to Synod in support of LCMS regional and world missions/operations.

35% of each congregational dollar received supports daily NWD Operations, the general staffing and operating that provides all services to our congregational lay leaders and called workers. Training and equipping, ministry support, resource development and delivery, scholarship and grant administration, and more are all included in this category.

25% of each congregational dollar received supports specialized NWD Missions, including Campus Ministry, Church Worker Debt, Deaf Ministry, Disaster Response, Hmong and French African Ministries, King Veterans Home Chaplaincy and the Peru Mission.

5% of each congregational dollar received supports Camp Luther operations and ministry in Three Lakes, WI.



Annual Congregational Giving

This is the core funding that supports NWD mission and ministry. This support had declined over \$200,000 in recent years, but has improved during 2021 and 2022, to \$1.77 million in 2022.

CHURCHES

215



MEMBERS

85,641



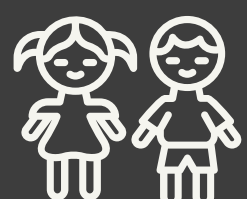
SCHOOLS

22



STAND ALONE EC

30



OUR CAMPAIGN

Labor of Love Million Dollar Campaign

To reduce the educational debt of professional church workers

Educational debt is a stumbling block for many considering service to the Church, at the very time our Church and society needs them most. We have provided significant grants for our churchwork students thanks to endowed gifts. We have recently created a small, annual, Labor of Love grant to support the debt of current NWD workers. We can do more.

The triennial convention passed the resolution prompting this effort. Help us raise the funds needed to build the Labor of Love endowment so we can give more gifts to more NWD workers every year.

- Labor of Love is a 2-year campaign.
- Pray for generous givers and bold congregational gifts.
- Consider a personal pledge for the next two years.

Together we can strengthen our efforts to carryout Matthew 28:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Watch for campaign details this summer!

\$1,000,000

Raise 1 million dollars

\$40,000

Average educational debt per applicant

39

Total gifts given in the first three years

\$80,000

Total amount awarded in the first three years



LABOR OF LOVE