

Today's Business

February 21, 2025

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Section I Convention Information For Today's Business February 21, 2025

- Tentative Schedule (Replace)



Schedule - Day One

Friday, March 7, 2025

Pastoral care will be available throughout the convention; please see NID Staff for details.

7:00 – 8:15 AM Delegate/Vendor Registration Gymnasium (South)

During this time, a Continental Breakfast will be served in the Gymnasium (South)

8:15 – 8:30 AM Dismiss to Chapel of Our Lord for Opening Worship

8:30 – 9:45 AM Opening Divine Service Chapel of our Lord
Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President*
Presiding Minister: *Rev. Joel Hess,*
St. James Lutheran Church, Chicago
Host Congregation: *St. James Lutheran Church, Chicago*

Recognition of New Congregations and Anniversaries

9:45 – 10:00 AM Dismiss to Gymnasium (North)

10:00 – 10:05 AM Call to Order
Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President

10:05 – 10:10 AM Greetings
Dr. Russell Dawn, President, Concordia University Chicago

10:10 – 10:15 AM Video Presentation - WELCOME

10:15 – 10:35 AM NID President's Address
Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President

10:35 – 10:45 AM Introductions & Announcements
Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President

10:45 – 10:50 AM Credentials Report
Rev. David Totsky, LCMS Northern Illinois District Secretary

10:50 – 11:00 AM Adoption of Convention Standing Rules & Agenda
Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President

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11:00 – 11:15 AM	Committee IV – ELECTIONS Introduction to Electronic Voting, Procedure & Practice <i>Rev. Julian LaMie, Committee Chair</i> <i>Rev. Noah Kegley, Committee Vice-Chair</i>
11:15 – 11:20 AM	Video Presentation #1 – WORD
11:20 – 11:55 AM	Committee IV – ELECTIONS <i>Rev. Julian LaMie, Committee Chair</i> <i>Rev. Noah Kegley, Committee Vice-Chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ratification of Slate of Candidates for District President• Election of District President• Response from District President• Resolution 2-02A• Floor Nominations for Vice-Presidents• Elect & Rank Vice-Presidents• Floor Nominations for District Secretary• Elect District Secretary• Begin Floor Nominations
11:55 – 12:00 PM	Lunch Prayer <i>Rev. David Fleming, Chaplain/DOXOLOGY Executive Director of Spiritual Care</i>
12:00 PM – 1:10 PM	Break for Lunch <i>Lunch will be served buffet style in Crossroads Cafeteria located in the Koehneke Community Center</i>
During this time the Caucus of Advisory Ordained Ministers of Religion will meet in the front of the Convention Hall with <i>Rev. John Prohl</i> to elect pastoral/advisory delegates to the Synod's 2026 Convention	
1:10 – 1:15 PM	Hymn Sing Gymnasium (North) <i>Rev. Kristopher Whitby, Assistant to the President,</i> <i>LCMS Northern Illinois District</i>
1:15 – 1:30 PM	Prayer/Devotion – Luke 6:12-16 <i>Rev. Elstner Lewis, St. Philip Lutheran Church, Chicago</i>

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1:30 – 1:35 PM	Video Presentation #2 – WELLNESS
1:35 – 2:15 PM	Bible Study <i>Rev. Dr. Robert Lee Hagan IV, LCMS Missouri District President Chair of LCMS Council of Presidents</i>
2:15 – 2:20 PM	Video Presentation – Lutheran Women’s Mission League
2:20 – 2:30 PM	Omnibus ABCD Resolutions <i>Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President</i>
2:30 – 3:05 PM	Committee NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS <i>Rev. Paul Mumme, Nominations Chair Rev. Christopher Antonetti, Nominations Secretary Rev. Julian LaMie, Elections Chair Rev. Noah Kegley, Elections Vice-Chair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present Slate of Nominations• Floor Nominations• Begin Elections<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Board of Directors○ 2028 NID Convention Nominations Committee○ CUC Board of Regents
3:05 – 3:10 PM	Greetings <i>Rev. Wally R. Vinovskis, LCMS SELC District President</i>
3:10 – 3:15 PM	Greetings <i>Rev. Jeffrey Miskus, LCMS English District Bishop/President</i>
3:15 – 3:30 PM	BREAK
3:30 – 3:55 PM	District Ministry Presentations <i>Rev. John Prohl, Assistant to the President Lois Stewart, Mission Facilitator for Schools Rev. Kristopher Whitby, Asst. to the President, Mission & Ministry LeeAnn Acosta, Business Manager/Treasurer</i>
3:55 – 4:30 PM	Committee II – WELLNESS <i>Rev. Michael Gudgel, Committee Chair Rev. David Andermann, Committee Vice-Chair</i>

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4:30 – 4:40 PM	Greetings <i>Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Walton, VP Ministry Solutions, Grace Place Wellness, LCEF</i>
4:40 – 4:45 PM	Greetings <i>Joe Willmann, District Vice President and Team Lead, Lutheran Church Extension Fund</i>
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Committee IV – ELECTIONS, continued <i>Rev. Julian LaMie, Committee Chair Rev. Noah Kegley, Committee Vice-Chair</i>
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Committee III – WITNESS <i>Rev. Phillip Allman, Committee Chair Rev. Donald Stein, Committee Vice-Chair</i>
5:30 – 6:15 PM	LCMS Synod Presentation – Part One <i>Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President</i>
6:15 – 6:30 PM	Closing Devotion – Luke 8:1-3 <i>Rev. Michael Duffy, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Melrose Park</i>
6:30 PM	Adjourn for the Evening <i>Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President</i>
6:30 PM	Floor Committee Meetings as Needed

Schedule - Day Two

Saturday, March 8, 2025

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7:00 – 8:45 AM

During this time, a Continental Breakfast will be served in the Gymnasium (South)

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| 8:45 – 8:50 AM | Hymn Sing
<i>Rev. Kristopher Whitby, Assistant to the President,
LCMS Northern Illinois District</i> | Gymnasium (North) |
| 8:50 – 9:05 AM | Prayer/Devotion – Luke 9:23-27
<i>Rev. Jesus Morales, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Winfield</i> | |
| 9:05 – 9:10 AM | Call to Order
<i>Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President</i> | |
| 9:10 – 9:15 AM | Credentials Report
<i>Rev. David Totsky, LCMS Northern Illinois District Secretary</i> | |
| 9:15 – 9:40 AM | Committee I – WORD
<i>Rev. Jonathan Petzold, Committee Chair
Rev. Jonathan Ripke, Committee Vice-Chair</i> | |
| 9:40 – 9:45 AM | Video Presentation #3 – WITNESS | |
| 9:45 AM | Presentation: <i>Ministry Conversation between a Seasoned
Worker & New Worker</i> | |
| 9:45 – 9:55 AM | Commissioned-Ministers:
<i>Donna Laughlin, Principal, Immanuel Lutheran Church & School,
Batavia
Ben Fluga, Religion Teacher, Walther Christian Academy,
Melrose Park</i> | |
| 9:55 – 10:15 AM | Ordained Ministers:
<i>Rev. Bill Yonker, Immanuel Lutheran Church, East Dundee
Rev. Andrew Hatesohl, Trinity Lutheran Church, Huntley</i> | |
| 10:15 – 10:35 AM | BREAK | |
| 10:35 – 10:45 AM | Greetings
<i>Bishop Torkild Masvie, The Lutheran Church in Norway & Iceland</i> | |

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10:45 – 11:15 AM	Committee IV – ELECTIONS <i>Rev. Julian LaMie, Committee Chair</i> <i>Rev. Noah Kegley, Committee Vice-Chair</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NID Board of Directors• East Region• North Region• South Region• West Region• 2028 NID Convention Nominations Committee• CUC Board of Regents• Recognition & Ratification of Circuit Visitor's
11:15 – 11:30 AM	Video Presentation – Remembrance of the Faithfully Departed <i>Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President</i>
11:30 – 11:35 AM	Lunch Prayer <i>Rev. David Fleming, Chaplain/DOXOLOGY Executive Director of Spiritual Care</i>
11:35 AM – 12:30 PM	Break for Lunch <i>Lunch will be served in Crossroads Cafeteria located in the Koehneke Community Center</i>
12:30 – 12:35 PM	Hymn Sing Gymnasium (North) <i>Rev. Kristopher Whitby, Assistant to the President,</i> <i>LCMS Northern Illinois District</i>
12:35 – 12:50 PM	Prayer/Devotion – Luke 24:36-49 <i>Rev. Brian Mayo, Salem Lutheran Church, Homewood</i>
12:50 – 1:05 PM	Presentation: Models for Wellness in the Church <i>Deac. Dr. Tiffany Manor, Managing Dir., LCMS National Mission</i>
1:05 – 2:05 PM	Floor Committee Work as Needed
2:05 – 2:50 PM	LCMS Synod Presentation with Q & A – Part Two <i>Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President</i>

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| 2:50 – 2:55 PM | Credentials Final Report
<i>Rev. David Totsky, LCMS Northern Illinois District Secretary</i> |
| 2:55 – 3:05 PM | Convention Adjournment - Prayer & Hymn – Luke 24:50-53
<i>Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President</i> |

Section II

Worship

For Today's Business

February 21, 2025

- Order of Worship (Add)



**The 61st Convention of the Northern Illinois District of
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Opening Worship**

**STRONGER
TOGETHER**



Co-Workers for the Kingdom of God
Colossians 4:7-17

Friday, March 7, 2025

Chapel of Our Lord
Concordia University Chicago
River Forest, Illinois

(Please Stand)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Kneel/Stand)

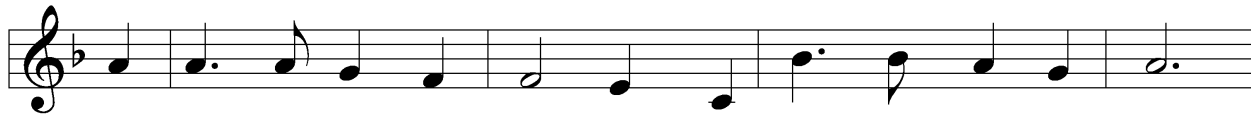
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

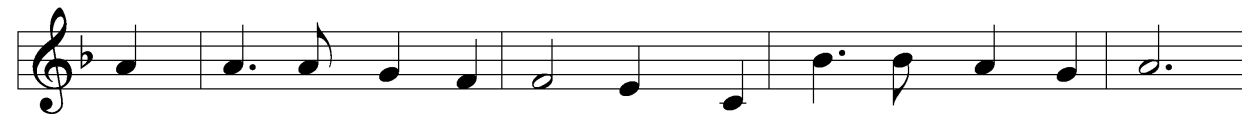
C Amen.



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
 3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
 Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
 The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
 In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
 And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE (Chant)

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

SONG

“Here I Am, Lord” – Stirred to Love Students
St. John’s Lutheran School, Chicago & Immanuel Lutheran School, Batavia
Music and Text by David Schutte, Arranged by Katrina Jurica

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Colossians 4:7-17

⁷Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, ⁹and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

¹⁰Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), ¹¹and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. ¹²Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. ¹³For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. ¹⁴Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. ¹⁵Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

LSB 157

C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.”

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,
to guard you,’

¹¹and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” – LSB 848



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
 4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
 veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
 Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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 Tune: The Sacred Harp, 1844, Philadelphia
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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President

(Please stand)

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING (Instrumental)

Walther Christian Academy, Melrose Park

OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” – LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922–80

Tune: Richard W. Hillert, 1923–2010

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE (Chant)

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praying You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORD OF OUR LORD

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

- C** **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

(Please be seated)

LCMS COMMUNION STATEMENT

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and bloody unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor Joel Hess.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" – LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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Refrain

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and
3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of
4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal
5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less

heed his voice; So when You call Your
grat - i - tude That You should count us
Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
let us be, To serve each oth - er

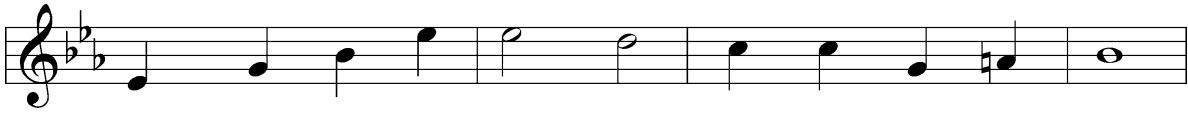
fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.

Refrain



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



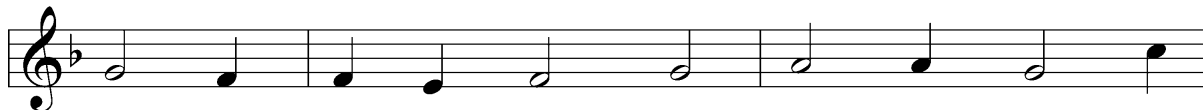
With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

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“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” – LSB 623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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(Please stand)

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hears and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“We Are Called to Stand Together” – LSB 828



1 We are called to stand to- geth - er With the saints of
2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him
3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the
4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -
5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets
side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,
Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - alds took the mes - sage,
bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior
suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,



In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and
Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of
Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y
Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,
Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are



hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!
res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.
grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.
grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.
all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

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WELCOME NEWLY ORDAINED AND COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

ANNIVERSARIES OF YEARS IN MINISTRY

The offering for the LCMS Northern Illinois District (NID) Convention is designated for Workers of the Word: Today + Tomorrow. This offering will provide emergency support to NID church workers in a crisis, as well as provide financial support for those NID students who are preparing for church work at Concordia Universities and Concordia Seminaries. A tithe of our offerings will go to NID Mission work in Belize through the LCMS.



SERVING:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS President
Host Congregation: St. James Lutheran Church, Chicago
Celebrant: Rev. Joel Hess, St. James Lutheran Church, Chicago
Instrumentalists: Walther Christian Academy, Melrose Park, directed by Samantha Rose
Organist: Dr. Steve Wentz, member of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Chicago
Choir: Stirred to Love Students, Immanuel Lutheran School, Batavia & St. John's Lutheran School, Chicago
Serving: Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, LCMS Northern Illinois District President; Rev. Chad Bolosan, Messiah Lutheran Church, Sterling; Rev. Donald Stein, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Rockton; Rev. Benjamin Hayter, Zion Lutheran Church, Chebanse; Rev. Ted Fischer, Messiah Lutheran Church, Chicago & Hispanic Mission Work
Crucifer: Rev. Jorge Mazariegos, Vida Y Fe, West Dundee
Lay Assistant: Joe Willmann, member of St. John Lutheran Church, Wheaton
Sign Interpreter: Dori Chianakas, member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Cary

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Section III

Elections

For Today's Business

February 21, 2025

- Circuit Visitor List (Replace)



Committee for NID Convention Nominations Ballot

C. ELECTION OF CIRCUIT VISITORS (2025-2028) [AS OF 02/15/2025]

<u>Circuit #</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Counselor (elected at forum)</u>
1	North	Rev. Edward Blonski
2	North	Rev. Karl Fay
3	North	Rev. Mark Bestul
4	North	Rev. Jeremy Latzke
5	North	Rev. Stephen Kass
6	West	Rev. Christopher James
7	West	Rev. Erik Gauss
8	West	Rev. Patrick Pinion
9	West	Rev. Matthew Rosebrock
10	West	Rev. Philip Fischaber
11	East	Rev. Henry Biar
12	East	Rev. Leonard Payton
13A	East	Rev. Valdas Ausra
13B	East	Rev. Mark Duer
14	East	Rev. Elstner Lewis
15	South	Rev. David Balla
16	South	Rev. Richard Schauer
17	South	Rev. Christopher Antonetti
18	South	Rev. Eric Brown
19	South	Rev. Julian LaMie



Section IV
NOMINATIONS
For Today's Business
February 21, 2025

- Updated/Corrected Bios (Replace)



Ms. Lori Solyom

Candidate Nomination Info

Candidate Status: Layperson

Candidate Essay Question Response

Education:

Master of Business Administration - Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL
(Comprehensive Business Administration & Not-for-Profit Management)
- Bachelor of Arts - Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN (Communications -
Journalism & Theatre)

Additional Professional Education

- Certified Fund Raising Executive
- World Journalism Institute Graduate
- LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Training Workshop attendee.

Occupation:

Media Communication and Development Specialist - currently working in public relations strategy, with client publicity writing, marketing, and development focus
Strong career background in ministry development and communications (including Lutheran schools), national syndicated radio, local radio, and selected television programming, production, announcing, and voice work (for Christian and secular outlets), journalistic, contract, script and copy writing and editing (multiple arenas and media)

Professional Memberships:

- ACF (Association for Christian Fundraising - formerly ALDE - Association of), member, previous service on Communication and Curriculum Committees
- WSPN (West Suburban Philanthropic Network), member
- The Church Network – Chicago Chapter, professional services affiliate
- AFTRA (American Federation of Radio & Television Artists), member

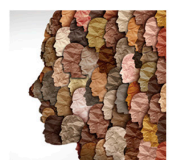
Candidate Congregation Information:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Lombard
1st LCMS Congregation Year: 1970
LCMS District Membership Year: 1985
Current Congregation Membership Year: 1985

Congregation Experience:

Current:

Lay Leadership positions include...Communications Director (since approximately 2015), Livestream Operator (since 2020), Webmaster (since 2017), Sunday School Coordinator/Teacher (since 2012/2007), Board of Stewardship Member (newly



elected), Trinity Lutheran School Journalism teacher (since 2017), Walther Delegate (since 2021)

Ongoing involvement: Voters Assembly, LWML/Lutheran Women in Mission, Mary Martha Guild/women's service ministry, Bible study,

Previous:

Board of Stewardship Chairperson (2018 - 2023), Finance Committee (2018 - 2023), Church Council Member (2018-2023), Trinity NLSA Accreditation Committee (2016-2017), Board of Education member (early 2000s), Parenting with the Lord member (1994-2007)

District Experience:

Current: NID Board of Directors (since 2018), LWML NID/Lutheran Women in Mission Vice President of Communications (since 2022), NID Communicators & Admission Counselors Networking Group regular participant, Sunday School/Child & Family Ministry Network Group regular participant, NID Life Task Force nonmember work
Previous: NID Singles Coordinator (1990 - 1995), Board of Singles Ministry (1986-1990)

Previous employment at NID Recognized Service Organization - Voice of Care - Director of Development and Communications (2013 - 2023)

Previous employment at NID School - Walther Lutheran High School (now Walther Christian Academy) - Media Communications Manager/Advancement Team (2003-2009)

Synod Experience:

no official synodical service

Community Service Experience:

- Village of Lombard (Illinois) Community Promotions and Tourism Committee, member (2014 - 2020)
- York Township (Illinois) Committeeman, Precinct 78 (2014 - 2020)
- York Township (Illinois) Women's Organization (2014 - 2022)
- District 24 (Illinois Senate) Legislative Advisory Council, co-chair of Legislative Advisory Committee on Human Services (2015 - 2018)
- Elected National Presidential Delegate to Republican National Convention (2016)
- Lombard Families First (citizen group for responsible village government), founder and spokesperson (2014 campaign seeking to ban video gambling in village)

Mission of Work:

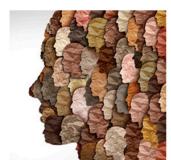
As we humbly seek to share the Good News of Jesus - His death, resurrection, and anticipated return - our joining in the life and ministry of Word and Sacrament becomes a shared confession. God bestows on each of us different gifts, reflected in our individual traits and talents. He places us in community and in our varied vocations to serve Him in many different ways. Together, as ordained or commissioned ministers and lay members of the LCMS, we pray for God's Kingdom to come, even as we work to make Christ's love known to all - serving, loving, and forgiving one another for His sake. In the NID, our Gospel-minded focus on Word, Wellness, and Witness,



provides tools, resources, and encouragement to prepare, strengthen, and unify congregations, church workers, and laity for the task of Making Disciples for Life (as the Synod has eloquently phrased our focus). We seek any ability to do so in God's Word and sacramental gifts, relying on the Holy Spirit to awaken the faith of salvation.

Challenges, Opportunities, Goals:

Whenever God grants us a position of joint responsibility, "iron sharpens iron" (Proverbs 27:17) One opportunity in my NID Board of Directors has been the privilege of encouraging and fostering support of Christ-centered ministries. Promoting the Gospel-based work of Belize Mission Society and LINC Chicago has allowed us to see fruit borne via the nurturing of children in Seine Bight and development of ministry leaders in urban Chicago. What a joy it has been to watch our own Lutheran maternity home open in the NID through the faithful labors of Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries! The NID has provided many chances for personal spiritual growth and congregational pursuit of excellence. The biggest challenge for me has been in learning that being of one heart does not always mean we are all of the same mind. My brothers and sisters in Christ on the NID BOD have taught me to listen better, think deeper, and be slower to judge. My goal is to continue to humbly serve wherever God leads me.



Rev. David Totsky

Candidate Nomination Info

Candidate Status: Ordained Minister

Candidate Essay Question Response

Education:

Bachelor of Arts 1985 -- Concordia Wisconsin

Master of Divinity 1989 -- Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne

Master of Sacred Theology 1999 -- Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne

Master of Science 2009 -- Non-Profit Leadership and Management -- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Occupation:

Ordained Pastor

Candidate Congregation Information:

St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church, Joliet

1st LCMS Congregation Year: 1963

LCMS District Membership Year: 2021

Current Congregation Membership Year: 2021

Congregation Experience:

1990-1993, Immanuel and Zion Lutheran Churches -- Hepler and Brazilton Kansas

1993-2003, St. John's and Trinity Lutheran Churches -- Oxford and Packwaukee, Wisconsin

2003-2012, Walther Memorial Lutheran Church -- Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2012-2021, Sherman Park Lutheran Church -- Milwaukee, Wisconsin (merger of Walther Memorial and Sherman Park congregations)

2021-Present, St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church, Joliet

District Experience:

2022-Present, Secretary, Northern Illinois District LCMS

2022-Present, Registrar/Treasurer, South Region Pastoral Conference

2021-Present, Committee on Constitutional Matters, Northern Illinois District

2006-2021, Secretary, South Wisconsin District LCMS

2015-2021, Chair, South Wisconsin District Policy Committee

2007-2021, Chair, South Wisconsin District Governance Task Force

2006-2021, Chair, Committee on Constitution Matters, South Wisconsin District

2006-2010, District LWML Pastoral Counselor

2004-2006, Assistant Secretary, South Wisconsin District

2004-2006, Secretary, Committee on Constitutional Matters, South Wisconsin District

2003, Floor Committee Chair, South Wisconsin District

1997, 2000, Floor Committee Member



2000-2003, Circuit Counselor South Wisconsin District
1994-2002, LWML Zone Pastoral Advisor

Synod Experience:

2018-Present, Commission on Handbook
2017-Present, Dispute Hearing Panel Facilitator
2016-Present, Reconciler
1992, 1998, 2001, 2007, 2013, 2019, Convention Delegate
2016, 2023, Convention Representative/Advisory delegate
2013, Convention Floor Committee Member and Secretary
2008-2012, SMP Mentor
Vicarage Supervisor

Community Service Experience:

2009-2015, Board of Directors, Interfaith Senior Programs of Waukesha
2008-2012, Consultant and volunteer -- Friedens Ministry -- Social services/food pantry
2004-2012, Board of Directors, Clare Oasis
2004-2010, President and Board Chair, A Second Chance Outreach Ministry
2004-2009, Treasurer for Boy Scouts
1998-2003, Hospice Pastor

Mission of Work:

The Church is known by the presence of its marks -- the Word, faithfully preached, and the sacraments, rightly administered as instituted by Christ. The LCMS, the NID, and its member congregations should place a priority and focus on these means which God gives to establish, maintain and strengthen our faith. The Spirit at work in and through the Word is the only means by which the Church will grow. Our congregations and members need to be in the Word so that they may faithfully bear witness to the world, as well as supporting and encouraging our brothers and sisters in the faith in good times as well as bad.

Challenges, Opportunities, Goals:

I would be honored to continue to use the gifts and abilities which God has given me in service of His Church here in the Northern Illinois District.



Section V

OVERTURES

For Today's Business

February 21, 2025

- updated Floor Committee III listing – Witness



**LCMS NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT
2025 Convention
FLOOR COMMITTEE III**

III. WITNESS

Ordained Ministers

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Mr. Steve Stec 16311 Cherry Hill Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60487-1136; Cell: (708) 257-3529; luke104142@gmail.com or stestec16311@comcast.net

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Section VI

REPORTS

For Today's Business

February 21, 2025

- Updated Wellness Report (Replace)
- January 2025 Support Report (Add to Treasurer)
- Update LCEF Report (Replace)



2025 Convention Report: Wellness



Our Lord generously provides all we need to support our bodies and lives. Yet, in this fallen world, there are still constant concerns which arise around maintaining well-being. In the Northern Illinois District, we have made wellness a priority with the goal of caring wholistically for church workers, realizing that healthy church workers are a key component to healthy ministry.

We are grateful for partners who hold this value and work toward wellness for church workers. In the past triennium, the NID President's Office has conducted periodic "check-ins" with pastors via zoom to provide for their spiritual care and to keep them supported in their ministry. Through NID's Partnership Grant, we were blessed to partner with Circuit W-8 which conducted a wellness retreat at Walcamp in 2023. The retreat presenter, Brenda Jank from "Run Hard Rest Well," focused on the value and practices of relaxation and "de-stressing." In 2024, the NID again assisted in sponsoring this retreat which grew in number and scope, as Circuit W-8 invited Circuit N-3 to participate. 2024's retreat presenter was Grace Place's Dr. Bev Yahnke, who brought a focus on the biblical perspective of sabbath rest.

The NID has faithfully responded to church workers through Soldiers and Veterans of the Cross, which are grants available through Synod to help offset financial burdens. These applications usually bring a benefit of \$2500 (split 50/50 between Synod and District). We thank God for the ability to help the Lord's servants this way in their time of need!

The Church Worker Care Team has been active throughout the triennium. This team is comprised of three pastors, one DCE, and one CUC professor, the Care Team Director, Dr. Debbie Arfsten. The team comes alongside church workers for a short period of time to provide spiritual care and basic Christian coaching. The team is ready to address both the professional and personal concerns of church workers and have the resources to make psychological referrals for those. All five Church Worker Care Team members, on average, have received 2 to 6 contacts a month from church workers seeking their support. The pastors on this team also attend one of the regional pastoral conferences each year, providing care and support at those events. The Church Worker Care Team would like to expand by adding at least one teacher.

The NID Wellness Committee has met several times to explore what the pursuit of wellness looks like on a congregational level and how best to support our ministries as they pursue worker wellness. As the committee analyzed next steps in their work, they developed a working model for wellness that could be implemented by a part-time NID staff person who would head up wellness initiatives in the District. We have developed a job description for such a position with plans to bring on a part-time Wellness Officer in 2025.



LCMS Northern Illinois District
 Congregational Support
 YTD January 31, 2025 & 2024

REVISED CIRCUIT GROUPINGS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Other support consists of NSNB, District missions, gifts, & Synod

CIRCUIT	Congregation Name	City	2024 Fiscal Year-to-Date Through January 31, 2025					2023 Fiscal Year-to-Date Through January 31, 2024				
			# Comm Members *	Unrestricted	Other	Total Support	Per Comm Member	# Comm Members	Unrestricted	Other	Total Support	Per Comm Member
1	Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church	Antioch	121	\$9,292.00	\$0.00	\$9,292.00	\$76.79	121	\$9,212.00	\$0.00	\$9,212.00	\$76.13
1	Bethel Lutheran Church	Gurnee	298	\$12,999.96	\$0.00	\$12,999.96	\$43.62	300	\$12,999.96	\$0.00	\$12,999.96	\$43.33
1	Community of Faith Lutheran Chu	Spring Grove	61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Lake Villa	33	\$400.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,600.00	\$48.48	33	\$400.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,600.00	\$48.48
1	Grace Lutheran Church	Northbrook	93	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$64.52	97	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$61.86
1	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Glenview	114	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	116	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$31.03
1	Lord of Glory Lutheran Church	Grayslake	680	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$9.19	615	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$10.16
1	North Shore/Faith Lutheran Churc	Lake Forest	380	\$12,525.00	\$0.00	\$12,525.00	\$32.96	380	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$31.58
1	Redeemer Lutheran Church	Waukegan	126	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$31.75	126	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$31.75
1	Saint Matthew Lutheran Church	Hawthorn Woods	870	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$8.62	899	\$13,326.16	\$0.00	\$13,326.16	\$14.82
1 Total			2,776	\$51,716.96	\$8,450.00	\$60,166.96	\$21.67	2,748	\$56,938.12	\$12,050.00	\$68,988.12	\$25.10
2	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Des Plaines	141	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$85.11	155	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$64.52
2	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Palatine	1,248	\$2,460.00	\$0.00	\$2,460.00	\$1.97	1,294	\$2,375.00	\$0.00	\$2,375.00	\$1.84
2	Living Christ Lutheran Church	Arlington Heights	101	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$24.75	106	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$47.17
2	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	Prospect Heights	66	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$25.00	66	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$25.00
2	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	Palatine	641	\$10,910.00	\$450.00	\$11,360.00	\$17.72	769	\$9,800.00	\$0.00	\$9,800.00	\$12.74
2	Saint Andrews Lutheran Church	Park Ridge	603	\$13,200.00	\$3,337.00	\$16,537.00	\$27.42	603	\$12,679.52	\$1,411.00	\$14,090.52	\$23.37
2	Saint John Lutheran Church	Mount Prospect	254	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.98	254	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	Saint Luke Lutheran Church	Itasca	386	\$8,125.00	\$0.00	\$8,125.00	\$21.05	367	\$6,875.00	\$0.00	\$6,875.00	\$18.73
2	Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Mount Prospect	1,545	\$39,000.00	\$0.00	\$39,000.00	\$25.24	2,350	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$10.64
2 Total			4,985	\$90,095.00	\$3,787.00	\$93,882.00	\$18.83	5,964	\$73,379.52	\$1,411.00	\$74,790.52	\$12.54
3	Bethlehem Lutheran Church	West Dundee	202	\$11,446.71	\$100.00	\$11,546.71	\$57.16	205	\$4,553.29	\$0.00	\$4,553.29	\$22.21
3	Calvary Lutheran Church	Elgin	237	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$14.77	236	\$700.00	\$2,800.00	\$3,500.00	\$14.83
3	Faith Lutheran Church	Carpentersville	60	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$5.00	44	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$4.55
3	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Elgin	345	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$52.17	419	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	\$57.28
3	Immanuel Lutheran Church	East Dundee	1,593	\$63,195.49	\$0.00	\$63,195.49	\$39.67	1,721	\$77,343.48	\$0.00	\$77,343.48	\$44.94
3	King of Glory Lutheran Church	Elgin	111	\$17,850.38	\$0.00	\$17,850.38	\$160.81	228	\$16,348.18	\$0.00	\$16,348.18	\$71.70
3	Saint John's Lutheran Church	Elgin	317	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$20.50	432	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$11.11
3	Saint Matthew Lutheran Church	Barrington	279	\$26,675.00	\$0.00	\$26,675.00	\$95.61	291	\$35,175.00	\$0.00	\$35,175.00	\$120.88
3	Saint Peter Lutheran Church	Dundee	331	\$7,700.00	\$0.00	\$7,700.00	\$23.26	471	\$7,613.32	\$0.00	\$7,613.32	\$16.16
3	Vida y Fe/Life & Faith Evangelical I	West Dundee	40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3 Total			3,515	\$151,667.58	\$3,600.00	\$155,267.58	\$44.17	4,087	\$170,733.27	\$2,800.00	\$173,533.27	\$42.46

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4	Crosspoint Lutheran Church	Village Of Lakewood	176	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	165	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	Fellowship of Faith Lutheran Chur	McHenry	223	\$15,020.00	\$0.00	\$15,020.00	\$67.35	214	\$14,104.00	\$0.00	\$14,104.00	\$65.91
4	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	Cary	289	\$5,550.00	\$2,015.00	\$7,565.00	\$26.18	326	\$100.00	\$415.00	\$515.00	\$1.58
4	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Crystal Lake	1,270	\$21,055.34	\$0.00	\$21,055.34	\$16.58	1,245	\$22,547.74	\$0.00	\$22,547.74	\$18.11
4	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	Crystal Lake	244	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$2.05	244	\$500.04	\$0.00	\$500.04	\$2.05
4	Saint John Lutheran Church	Island Lake	109	\$1,010.00	\$200.00	\$1,210.00	\$11.10	109	\$677.50	\$417.50	\$1,095.00	\$10.05
4	Saint John's Lutheran Church	Algonquin	394	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	\$3,300.00	\$8.38	389	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	\$6.94
4	Saint John's Lutheran Church	Woodstock	103	\$2,932.68	\$0.00	\$2,932.68	\$28.47	103	\$3,028.98	\$0.00	\$3,028.98	\$29.41
4	Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Harvard	250	\$3,283.00	\$0.00	\$3,283.00	\$13.13	250	\$3,927.00	\$0.00	\$3,927.00	\$15.71
4	Trinity Lutheran Church	Huntley	250	\$17,265.01	\$0.00	\$17,265.01	\$69.06	255	\$10,240.00	\$0.00	\$10,240.00	\$40.16
4	Zion Lutheran Church	McHenry	314	\$5,648.58	\$0.00	\$5,648.58	\$17.99	314	\$6,933.67	\$0.00	\$6,933.67	\$22.08
4 Total			3,622	\$75,564.61	\$2,215.00	\$77,779.61	\$21.47	3,614	\$64,758.93	\$832.50	\$65,591.43	\$18.15
5	Family in Faith Lutheran Church	Glendale Heights	125	\$3,921.10	\$0.00	\$3,921.10	\$31.37	116	\$3,360.00	\$0.00	\$3,360.00	\$28.97
5	Grace Lutheran Church	Streamwood	177	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$14.12	237	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$2.32
5	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Bartlett	57	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$35.09	57	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$35.09
5	Our Savior Lutheran Church	Carol Stream	278	\$31,345.54	\$0.00	\$31,345.54	\$112.75	288	\$33,201.59	\$0.00	\$33,201.59	\$115.28
5	Saint John Lutheran Church	Schaumburg	110	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	110	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Addison	217	\$4,154.07	\$0.00	\$4,154.07	\$19.14	223	\$7,682.92	\$0.00	\$7,682.92	\$34.45
5	Saint Peter Lutheran Church	Arlington Heights	1,989	\$72,744.00	\$0.00	\$72,744.00	\$36.57	1,929	\$58,908.00	\$0.00	\$58,908.00	\$30.54
5	Saint Peter Lutheran Church	Schaumburg	1,203	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$21.61	1,204	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	\$19.93
5	Trinity Lutheran Church	Roselle	2,109	\$0.00	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$17.07	2,173	\$0.00	\$36,431.06	\$36,431.06	\$16.77
5 Total			6,265	\$142,664.71	\$36,000.00	\$178,664.71	\$28.52	6,337	\$129,702.51	\$36,431.06	\$166,133.57	\$26.22
6	Bethel Lutheran Church	Westmont	232	\$24,664.45	\$0.00	\$24,664.45	\$106.31	232	\$28,476.91	\$0.00	\$28,476.91	\$122.75
6	Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church	Winfield	70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	70	\$0.00	\$1,095.00	\$1,095.00	\$15.64
6	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Downers Grove	600	\$53,500.00	\$0.00	\$53,500.00	\$89.17	600	\$48,610.28	\$0.00	\$48,610.28	\$81.02
6	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Elmhurst	778	\$23,702.91	\$0.00	\$23,702.91	\$30.47	778	\$22,908.42	\$0.00	\$22,908.42	\$29.45
6	Peace Lutheran Church	Lombard	463	\$15,038.00	\$0.00	\$15,038.00	\$32.48	461	\$15,680.00	\$0.00	\$15,680.00	\$34.01
6	Saint John Lutheran Church	Wheaton	677	\$10,290.00	\$0.00	\$10,290.00	\$15.20	651	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$7.68
6	Saint John's Lutheran Church	Lombard	913	\$19,999.92	\$0.00	\$19,999.92	\$21.91	902	\$19,999.92	\$0.00	\$19,999.92	\$22.17
6	Trinity Lutheran Church	Lombard	258	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.58	258	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6	Trinity Lutheran Church	West Chicago	118	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$20.34	118	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$25.42
6	Zion Lutheran Church	Hinsdale	152	\$17,877.66	\$0.00	\$17,877.66	\$117.62	253	\$16,695.53	\$0.00	\$16,695.53	\$65.99
6 Total			4,261	\$167,472.94	\$150.00	\$167,622.94	\$39.34	4,323	\$157,871.06	\$3,595.00	\$161,466.06	\$37.35

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7	Cross Lutheran Church	Yorkville	591	\$0.00	\$103,864.69	\$103,864.69	\$175.74	781	\$0.00	\$101,761.78	\$101,761.78	\$130.30
7	Emmanuel Lutheran Church	Aurora	101	\$2,734.36	\$0.00	\$2,734.36	\$27.07	106	\$5,765.91	\$0.00	\$5,765.91	\$54.40
7	Faith Lutheran Church	Geneva	25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	Friends in Christ Lutheran Church	Morris	77	\$4,200.00	\$0.00	\$4,200.00	\$54.55	80	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$50.00
7	Hope Lutheran Church	Aurora	33	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$90.91	37	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$27.03
7	Iglesia Evangelica Luterana San Pa	Aurora	169	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	169	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Batavia	1,695	\$65,664.50	\$0.00	\$65,664.50	\$38.74	1,858	\$66,504.79	\$0.00	\$66,504.79	\$35.79
7	Lord of Life Lutheran Church	Elburn	250	\$4,500.00	\$3,900.00	\$8,400.00	\$33.60	221	\$2,700.00	\$3,900.00	\$6,600.00	\$29.86
7	New Song Lutheran Church	Aurora	90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	Saint Luke's Lutheran Church	Montgomery	320	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$6.25	354	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$5.65
7	Saint Mark's Lutheran Church	Saint Charles	743	\$21,800.00	\$0.00	\$21,800.00	\$29.34	715	\$19,066.67	\$0.00	\$19,066.67	\$26.67
7	Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Aurora	625	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$4.80	750	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$6.67
7	Zion Lutheran Church	Naperville	225	\$11,841.56	\$0.00	\$11,841.56	\$52.63	216	\$17,903.74	\$0.00	\$17,903.74	\$82.89
7 Total			4,944	\$115,740.42	\$110,764.69	\$226,505.11	\$45.81	5,418	\$122,941.11	\$106,661.78	\$229,602.89	\$42.38
8	Immanuel Lutheran Church	DeKalb	349	\$2,909.10	\$0.00	\$2,909.10	\$8.34	349	\$3,078.76	\$0.00	\$3,078.76	\$8.82
8	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Hinckley	192	\$11,700.00	\$0.00	\$11,700.00	\$60.94	234	\$11,700.00	\$0.00	\$11,700.00	\$50.00
8	Saint John Lutheran Church	Burlington	300	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	300	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	Saint John Lutheran Church	Sycamore	424	\$11,154.86	\$0.00	\$11,154.86	\$26.31	434	\$17,106.17	\$0.00	\$17,106.17	\$39.42
8	Saint John's Lutheran Church	Union	619	\$35,100.00	\$0.00	\$35,100.00	\$56.70	594	\$32,235.00	\$0.00	\$32,235.00	\$54.27
8	Saint Peter's Lutheran Church (No	Hampshire	141	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$42.55	118	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$50.85
8	Trinity Lutheran Church	Genoa	171	\$6,750.00	\$0.00	\$6,750.00	\$39.47	163	\$11,250.00	\$0.00	\$11,250.00	\$69.02
8	Trinity Lutheran Church	Hampshire	46	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$21.74	48	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$10.42
8	Zion Lutheran Church	Marengo	1,469	\$1,985.00	\$0.00	\$1,985.00	\$1.35	1,465	\$1,516.75	\$0.00	\$1,516.75	\$1.04
8 Total			3,711	\$76,598.96	\$0.00	\$76,598.96	\$20.64	3,705	\$83,386.68	\$0.00	\$83,386.68	\$22.51
9	Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church	Roscoe	65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	65	\$13.22	\$0.00	\$13.22	\$0.20
9	Christ the Rock Lutheran Church	Rockford	250	\$19,800.00	\$0.00	\$19,800.00	\$79.20	244	\$24,108.30	\$0.00	\$24,108.30	\$98.80
9	Concordia Lutheran Church	Machesney Park	165	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$4.24	168	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$4.17
9	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Belvidere	1,621	\$16,250.00	\$0.00	\$16,250.00	\$10.02	1,548	\$18,083.31	\$5,000.00	\$23,083.31	\$14.91
9	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Lindenwood	50	\$7,400.00	\$0.00	\$7,400.00	\$148.00	48	\$7,400.00	\$0.00	\$7,400.00	\$154.17
9	Mount Olive Lutheran Church	Rockford	247	\$25,000.08	\$0.00	\$25,000.08	\$101.21	308	\$27,083.32	\$0.00	\$27,083.32	\$87.93
9	Redeemer Lutheran Church	Rockford	173	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	173	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9	Resurrection Lutheran Church	Rockford	32	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$62.50	32	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$46.88
9	Rockford Lutheran Church for the	Rockford	12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9	Saint Andrew Lutheran Church	Rockton	240	\$14,748.97	\$0.00	\$14,748.97	\$61.45	278	\$11,330.07	\$237.40	\$11,567.47	\$41.61
9	Saint John Lutheran Church	Pecatonica	192	\$6,971.91	\$0.00	\$6,971.91	\$36.31	195	\$5,607.60	\$0.00	\$5,607.60	\$28.76
9	Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Rockford	204	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	204	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9 Total			3,251	\$92,870.96	\$0.00	\$92,870.96	\$28.57	3,275	\$94,325.82	\$6,737.40	\$101,063.22	\$30.86

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10	Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church	Dixon	84	\$8,820.12	\$0.00	\$8,820.12	\$105.00	85	\$9,115.36	\$0.00	\$9,115.36	\$107.24
10	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Rock Falls	158	\$3,600.00	\$3,548.37	\$7,148.37	\$45.24	188	\$3,600.00	\$3,899.12	\$7,499.12	\$39.89
10	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church	Walnut	48	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$25.00	44	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$27.27
10	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Freeport	332	\$1,466.66	\$0.00	\$1,466.66	\$4.42	332	\$1,534.40	\$0.00	\$1,534.40	\$4.62
10	Messiah Lutheran Church	Sterling	205	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$12.20	205	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$12.20
10	Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	Freeport	104	\$5,200.06	\$0.00	\$5,200.06	\$50.00	104	\$5,200.08	\$0.00	\$5,200.08	\$50.00
10	Our Savior Lutheran Church	Sterling	56	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$44.64	56	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$44.64
10	Saint John's Lutheran Church	Lena	555	\$24,600.00	\$0.00	\$24,600.00	\$44.32	534	\$24,600.00	\$0.00	\$24,600.00	\$46.07
10	Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Elizabeth	144	\$6,000.00	\$50.00	\$6,050.00	\$42.01	149	\$6,000.00	\$50.00	\$6,050.00	\$40.60
10	Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Rochelle	477	\$6,886.97	\$0.00	\$6,886.97	\$14.44	491	\$7,318.76	\$0.00	\$7,318.76	\$14.91
10	Saint Peters Lutheran Church	Morrison	289	\$2,000.04	\$0.00	\$2,000.04	\$6.92	291	\$1,833.26	\$0.00	\$1,833.26	\$6.30
10 Total			2,452	\$63,573.85	\$4,798.37	\$68,372.22	\$27.88	2,479	\$64,201.86	\$5,149.12	\$69,350.98	\$27.98
11	Ascension Lutheran Church	Niles	81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Evanston	62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Concordia Lutheran Church	Chicago	20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Jehovah El Buen Pastor	Chicago	30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	38	\$803.00	\$0.00	\$803.00	\$21.13
11	Messiah Lutheran Church	Chicago	76	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$39.47	87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Our Saviour Lutheran Church	Chicago	81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Saint John's Lutheran Church	Chicago	513	\$1,718.12	\$0.00	\$1,718.12	\$3.35	525	\$2,267.05	\$0.00	\$2,267.05	\$4.32
11	Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Skokie	223	\$16,532.86	\$0.00	\$16,532.86	\$74.14	219	\$16,148.26	\$0.00	\$16,148.26	\$73.74
11	Saint Paul Lutheran Church (Norw	Chicago	203	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	203	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Saint Philip Lutheran Church (N)	Chicago	200	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	200	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Tabor Lutheran Church	Chicago	70	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$57.14	60	\$2,047.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,047.00	\$67.45
11 Total			1,559	\$21,250.98	\$4,000.00	\$25,250.98	\$16.20	1,616	\$21,265.31	\$2,000.00	\$23,265.31	\$14.40
12	Apostles Lutheran Church	Melrose Park	93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	98	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$15.31
12	Bethlehem Lutheran Church	River Grove	171	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	171	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1.46
12	Faith Lutheran Church	Riverside	46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	Faith Lutheran Church	Westchester	37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	Good Shepherd Our Redeemer Lu	Berwyn	69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	Hope Lutheran Church	Hillside	108	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$22.22	108	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$22.22
12	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Hillside	185	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	190	\$1,550.00	\$0.00	\$1,550.00	\$8.16
12	Mount Calvary Lutheran Church	Franklin Park	28	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$21.43	28	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$14.29
12	Saint John Lutheran Church	Forest Park	223	\$18,926.78	\$0.00	\$18,926.78	\$84.87	234	\$19,227.79	\$0.00	\$19,227.79	\$82.17
12	Saint John's Lutheran Church	La Grange	562	\$16,247.00	\$0.00	\$16,247.00	\$28.91	636	\$16,246.50	\$0.00	\$16,246.50	\$25.54
12	Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Brookfield	211	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$2.37	218	\$1,000.00	\$289.08	\$1,289.08	\$5.91
12	Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Melrose Park	217	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$23.04	217	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$23.04
12	Saint Paul Lutheran Church (Austii	Chicago	151	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	151	\$0.00	\$145.62	\$145.62	\$0.96
12	Zion Lutheran Church	Bensenville	356	\$44.25	\$0.00	\$44.25	\$0.12	322	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12 Total			2,457	\$43,718.03	\$0.00	\$43,718.03	\$17.79	2,525	\$47,574.29	\$434.70	\$48,008.99	\$19.01

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	13 Faith Lutheran Church	Oak Lawn	125	\$1,725.00	\$0.00	\$1,725.00	\$13.80	125	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$18.00
	13 Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	Chicago	166	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	166	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	13 Grace Lutheran Church	Western Springs	152	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$26.32	152	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$26.32
	13 Grace Lutheran Church	Willow Springs	92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	95	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$15.79
	13 Holy Cross Lutheran Church	Chicago	77	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$2.92	86	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$2.62
	13 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church	Burbank	67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	13 Hope Lutheran Church	Countryside	30	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$16.67	31	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$16.13
	13 Immanuel Lutheran Church	Hodgkins	82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	13 Mount Greenwood Lutheran Church	Chicago	41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	13 Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Oak Lawn	296	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00	\$42.23	316	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00	\$39.56
	13 Saint Peter Lutheran Church	Chicago	24	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$9.38	29	\$491.00	\$399.00	\$890.00	\$30.69
	13 Zion Lutheran Church	Lyons	46	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8.70	46	\$0.00	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$8.80
	13 Zion Lutheran Church	Oak Lawn	104	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$19.23	104	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	13 Zion Lutheran Church	Summit	115	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$0.91	115	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13 Total			1,417	\$21,280.00	\$400.00	\$21,680.00	\$15.30	1,461	\$21,466.00	\$804.00	\$22,270.00	\$15.24
	14 Christ the King Lutheran Church	Chicago	60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	14 First Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Chicago	52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	14 First Saint Paul's Lutheran Church	Chicago	175	\$7,675.00	\$0.00	\$7,675.00	\$43.86	181	\$7,250.00	\$0.00	\$7,250.00	\$40.06
	14 Mount Calvary Lutheran Church	Calumet Park	43	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$116.28	47	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$85.11
	14 Resurrection Lutheran Church	Chicago	92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	170	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$1.76
	14 Saint James Lutheran Church	Chicago	727	\$15,150.00	\$0.00	\$15,150.00	\$20.84	702	\$14,125.00	\$0.00	\$14,125.00	\$20.12
	14 Saint Matthew Lutheran Church	Chicago	61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	14 Saint Paul Lutheran Church (S)	Chicago	90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	14 Saint Philip Lutheran Church (S)	Chicago	72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	14 Saint Stephen Lutheran Church	Chicago	30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	14 Salem Lutheran Church	Blue Island	39	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$25.64	38	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$26.32
	14 Trinity Lutheran Church (S)	Chicago	33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	14 Zion Lutheran Church	Chicago	91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14 Total			1,565	\$28,825.00	\$0.00	\$28,825.00	\$18.42	1,629	\$26,675.00	\$0.00	\$26,675.00	\$16.38
	15 Bethany Lutheran Church	Naperville	648	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$30.86	766	\$17,500.00	\$0.00	\$17,500.00	\$22.85
	15 Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church	Bolingbrook	81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	15 Peace Lutheran Church	Plainfield	172	\$15,457.00	\$0.00	\$15,457.00	\$89.87	169	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$29.59
	15 Saint John Lutheran Church	Darien	190	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$157.89	165	\$23,200.00	\$0.00	\$23,200.00	\$140.61
	15 Saint Matthew Lutheran Church	Lemont	343	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$23.32	343	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00	\$46.65
	15 Trinity Lutheran Church	Burr Ridge	618	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$64.72	618	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$64.72
	15 Trinity Lutheran Church	Lisle	789	\$0.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$26.62	896	\$0.00	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	\$25.11
	15 Word of Life Lutheran Church	Naperville	85	\$864.25	\$0.00	\$864.25	\$10.17	85	\$476.54	\$0.00	\$476.54	\$5.61
15 Total			2,926	\$114,321.25	\$21,000.00	\$135,321.25	\$46.25	3,130	\$102,176.54	\$22,500.00	\$124,676.54	\$39.83

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			# Comm Members *	Unrestricted	Other	Total Support	Per Comm Member	# Comm Members	Unrestricted	Other	Total Support	Per Comm Member
16	Christ Lutheran Church	Orland Park	1,600	\$18,460.00	\$0.00	\$18,460.00	\$11.54	1,616	\$18,620.00	\$0.00	\$18,620.00	\$11.52
16	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Frankfort	340	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$14.71	340	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$14.71
16	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Mokena	312	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$38.46	426	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$28.17
16	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Richton Park	70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16	Living Word Lutheran Church	Orland Park	95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	116	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16	Saint John's Lutheran Church	Country Club Hills	129	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	154	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16	Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Matteson	527	\$13,837.60	\$0.00	\$13,837.60	\$26.26	529	\$16,446.50	\$0.00	\$16,446.50	\$31.09
16	Salem Lutheran Church	Homewood	178	\$5,225.00	\$6,000.00	\$11,225.00	\$63.06	184	\$6,825.00	\$1,450.00	\$8,275.00	\$44.97
16	Trinity Lutheran Church	Tinley Park	911	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$16.47	1,031	\$17,000.00	\$0.00	\$17,000.00	\$16.49
16 Total			4,162	\$69,522.60	\$6,000.00	\$75,522.60	\$18.15	4,469	\$75,891.50	\$1,450.00	\$77,341.50	\$17.31
17	Hope Lutheran Church	Shorewood	240	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	391	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
17	Lord of Life Lutheran Church (Mill Serena)	Mill Serena	27	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$51.85	30	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$46.67
17	Our Savior Lutheran Church	Joliet	440	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	458	\$0.00	\$8,461.74	\$8,461.74	\$18.48
17	River of Life Lutheran Church	Channahon	93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
17	Saint Paul's Lutheran Church	Lockport	152	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	156	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$6.41
17	Saint Peter Lutheran Church	Joliet	317	\$5,000.00	\$178.50	\$5,178.50	\$16.34	324	\$8,368.01	\$0.00	\$8,368.01	\$25.83
17	Trinity Lutheran Church	Marseilles	61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
17	Zion Lutheran Church	Ottawa	165	\$6,415.62	\$0.00	\$6,415.62	\$38.88	176	\$5,211.33	\$0.00	\$5,211.33	\$29.61
17 Total			1,495	\$12,815.62	\$178.50	\$12,994.12	\$8.69	1,689	\$15,979.34	\$8,461.74	\$24,441.08	\$14.47
18	Emmanuel Lutheran Church	Dwight	168	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5.95	178	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
18	Our Savior Lutheran Church	Momence	49	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$24.49	57	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$21.05
18	Risen Savior Lutheran Church	Manteno	135	\$10,635.35	\$0.00	\$10,635.35	\$78.78	130	\$8,389.14	\$0.00	\$8,389.14	\$64.53
18	Saint Paul's Lutheran Church	Bourbonnais	1,331	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00	\$9.39	1,334	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00	\$9.37
18	Trinity Lutheran Church	Dwight	55	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$9.09	55	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$9.09
18	Trinity Lutheran Church	Herscher	394	\$16,502.11	\$0.00	\$16,502.11	\$41.88	398	\$16,143.61	\$0.00	\$16,143.61	\$40.56
18	Zion Lutheran Church	Bonfield	98	\$7,379.00	\$0.00	\$7,379.00	\$75.30	98	\$12,850.00	\$0.00	\$12,850.00	\$131.12
18	Zion Lutheran Church	Chebanse	275	\$8,149.00	\$0.00	\$8,149.00	\$29.63	450	\$7,645.50	\$0.00	\$7,645.50	\$16.99
18	Zion Lutheran Church	Grant Park	359	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$33.43	337	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$35.61
18 Total			2,864	\$68,865.46	\$1,000.00	\$69,865.46	\$24.39	3,037	\$71,228.25	\$0.00	\$71,228.25	\$23.45

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19	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Steger	75	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$13.33	113	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$13.27
19	Peace Lutheran Church Beecher C Beecher	Beecher	445	\$17,509.00	\$2,666.00	\$20,175.00	\$45.34	1,018	\$2,625.00	\$0.00	\$2,625.00	\$2.58
19	Saint John's Lutheran Church	Lansing	204	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	210	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$1.62
19	Saint Paul Lutheran Church	Thornton	201	\$1,816.00	\$0.00	\$1,816.00	\$9.03	204	\$1,971.00	\$0.00	\$1,971.00	\$9.66
19	Saint Paul's Lutheran Church	Chicago Heights	300	\$460.31	\$0.00	\$460.31	\$1.53	300	\$472.05	\$0.00	\$472.05	\$1.57
19	Trinity Lutheran Church	Lansing	220	\$7,061.00	\$0.00	\$7,061.00	\$32.10	227	\$3,795.00	\$0.00	\$3,795.00	\$16.72
19 Total			1,445	\$27,846.31	\$2,666.00	\$30,512.31	\$21.12	2,072	\$10,703.05	\$0.00	\$10,703.05	\$5.17
Total 196 Active Congregations			59,672	\$1,436,411.24	\$205,009.56	\$1,641,420.80	\$5,941.78	63,578	\$1,411,198.16	\$211,318.30	\$1,622,516.46	\$5,551.10
<i>Closed congregations, inactives, and other adjustments</i>			362	\$2,600.01	\$1,200.00	\$3,800.01		368	\$2,700.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,700.00	
Grand Total			60,034	\$1,439,011.25	\$206,209.56	\$1,645,220.81	\$27.40	63,946	\$1,413,898.16	\$213,318.30	\$1,627,216.46	\$25.45

*Last reported for Synod is for calendar year 2023

Our Leadership

As the needs of our congregations and schools continues to evolve, so has the structure of our team at LCEF. We are fortunate to be led by faithful followers of Christ with servant hearts, leading out of deep care and compassion for Christ and His Church.



Rev. Bart Day
President and CEO



Jim O'Brien
Chief Operating Officer



Gerald Kirk
Chief Credit & Administration
Officer



Timothy Ramberger
Chief Legal Officer



Joe Russo
Chief Growth Officer



Kevin Bremer
Chief Financial Officer



Yvonne Schone
SVP, Human Capital &
Organizational Effectiveness



Vanda Toner
SVP Field Solutions



Rev. Tom Eggebrecht
SVP, Ministry Solutions



Tom Campbell
SVP, Real Estate Solutions



Joe Willmann
District Vice President and Team Lead
Northern Illinois District



Rev. Dr. Eric Kennaugh
VP, Ministry Solutions

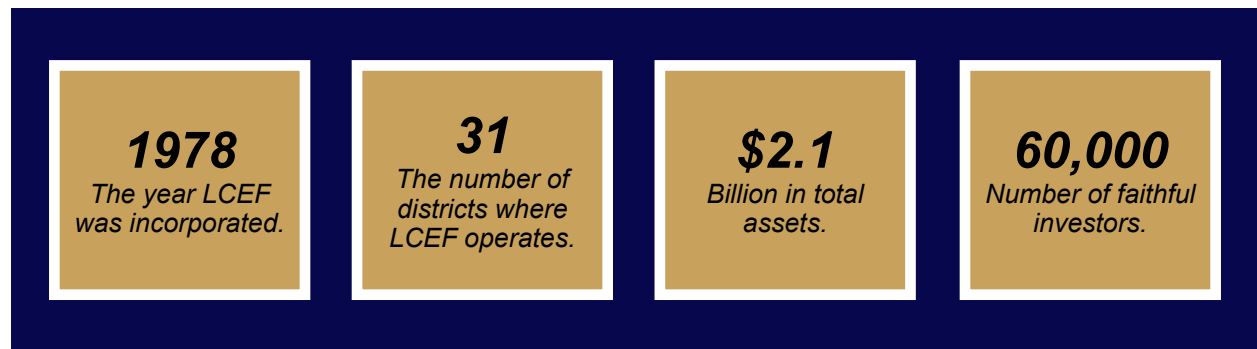


Jonathan Ward
Senior Director - Real Estate

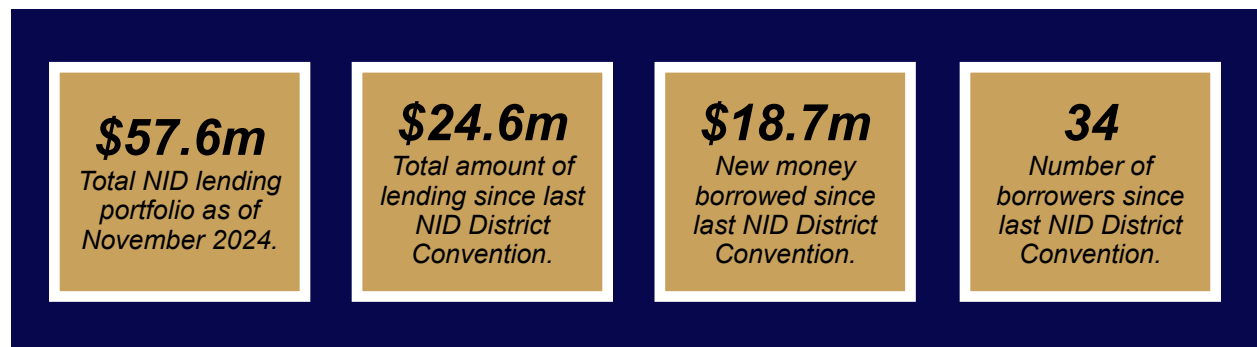
**Joe Willmann, District Vice President
Northern Illinois District**

Greetings in Christ! It is my pleasure to serve alongside you here in the NID. Since our last district convention, LCEF has seen two of the highest years of lending in our history. Our district was a large part of that lending, seeing school projects, church renovations, and many expansion projects funded. This growth in lending wouldn't be possible without you, the many faithful investors of LCEF. Please continue to share the story of LCEF to the fellow members of your congregation so that we might continue to provide for the lending needs of our beloved synod now and into the future! May God continue to richly bless each of you.

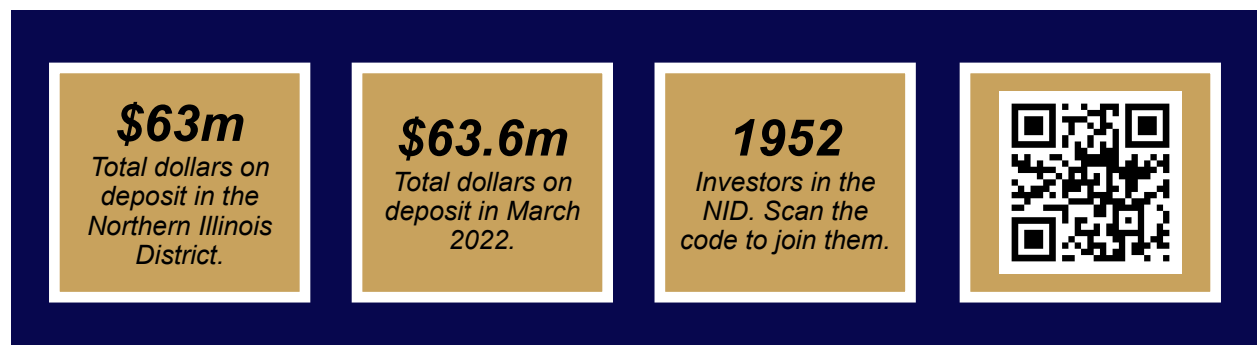
By the Numbers



District Lending



District Investments



Section VII

Roster Changes

For Today's Business

February 21, 2025

- Update to Congregation Changes (Replace)
 - Ordained Anniversaries (Add)



LCMS NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT

Congregations Added

Crosspoint, Village of Lakewood – 08/28/2022
Peace, Beecher (merger of St. John, St. Paul, and Zion, Beecher)– 05/21/2023

Congregations Merged

Good Shepherd, South Holland & Trinity, Lansing – 04/07/2024
Prince of Peace, Waukegan & Faith, Lake Forest – 11/17/2024

Congregations Forming a Multi-Congregation Parish

St. Paul's, Chicago Heights & Immanuel, Steger – 07/30/2023
River of Life, Channahon & Friends in Christ, Morris – 03/10/2024

Congregations Disbanded

Good Shepherd, Des Plaines – 04/25/2022
St. John, Beecher – 05/20/2023
St. Paul's, Beecher – 05/20/2023
Zion, Beecher – 05/20/2023
Calvary, Wood Dale – 12/31/2024



Ordained Ministers of Religion **Celebrating Anniversaries since the 2022 Convention**

(Those on the Synodical Roster who, according to the statistical information available to us, would have celebrated “special” anniversaries in 2022, 2023, or 2024)

60 Years

William Ameiss
Tony Davison
Donald Gourlay
John Edward Helmke, Sr.
Bruce Meissner
Wallace Nordquist

50 Years

Dennis Aubey
Martin Balzer
Mark Broecker
E Timothy Frick
Daniel Gensch
John Neugebauer
Harvey Nicholson
John Philipp
Willis Schwichtenberg
Richard Wagner
John Walter
Michael Winkelman

40 Years

Daniel Behmlander
Mark Brockhoff
John Fritz
Mark Frusti
Jeff Gavin
Gregory Hoffmann
Robert Moll
Charles Muller, Jr.
John Mueller
Thomas Noll
Raymond Rohlfs
Roy Schlote
Matthew Troester
Danny Tutwiler
Robert Weinhold



Section VIII
Convention
Delegates
for Today's Business
February 21, 2025
(as of February 18, 2025)
Replace



Pastoral Delegates

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Position</u>
Apostles	Melrose Park	Rev.	Ralph	Tausz		Sole
Ascension	Niles	Rev.	Matthew	Uttenreither		Sole
Beautiful Savior	Antioch	Rev.	Jonathan	Petzold		Senior/Admin
Bethany	Naperville	Rev.	Seth	Clemmer		Senior/Admin
Bethel	Gurnee	Rev. Dr.	Benjamin	Squires		Sole
Bethlehem	River Grove	Rev.	Roger	Gallup		Sole
Calvary	Elgin	Rev.	Mark	Bestul		Sole
Christ	Orland Park	Rev.	Charles	Johnson		Senior/Admin
Christ Our Savior	Dixon	Rev.	David	Andermann		Sole
Cross	Yorkville	Rev.	Erik	Gauss		Senior/Admin
Crosspoint	Lakewood	Rev.	Tyler	Coyne		Sole
Divine Shepherd	Bolingbrook	Rev.	David	Zimmer		Sole
Emmanuel	Aurora	Rev.	Jacob	Stoltzman		Sole
Emmanuel	Dwight	Rev. Dr.	John	Mueller		Sole
Faith	Carpentersville	Rev.	Mark	Frusti		Sole
Faith	Geneva	Rev. Dr.	Dennis	Aubey		Sole
Faith	Oak Lawn	Rev. Dr.	Dean	Pittelko		Sole
Fellowship of Faith	McHenry	Rev.	David	Gaddini		Senior/Admin
Gloria Dei	Chicago	Rev.	Steven	Anderson		Sole
Good Shepherd	Elgin	Rev.	Steven	Maske		Senior/Admin
Good Shepherd	Frankfort	Rev.	Kevin	Hahn		Sole
Grace	Western Springs	Rev.	Matthew	Zickler		Sole
Holy Trinity	Walnut	Rev.	Phillip	Fischaber		Senior/Admin
Iglesia Evangelica Luterana San Pablo	Aurora	Rev.	Alex	Merlo		Sole
Immanuel	Bartlett	Rev.	James	Bauman		Sole
Immanuel	Batavia	Rev.	Noah	Kegley		Senior/Admin
Immanuel	Belvidere	Rev.	Braun	Campbell		Senior/Admin
Immanuel	DeKalb	Rev.	Martin	Marks		Senior/Admin
Immanuel	Des Plaines	Rev.	Christopher	LaBoube		Senior/Admin
Immanuel	Downers Grove	Rev. Dr.	Chris	James		Senior/Admin
Immanuel	East Dundee	Rev.	Adam	Tanney		Associate
Immanuel	Elmhurst	Rev.	David	Seabaugh		Senior/Admin
Immanuel	Hillside	Rev.	Steve	Deombeleg		Sole
Immanuel	Hinckley	Rev.	James	Barbey		Sole
Immanuel	Lindenwood	Rev. Dr.	Matthew	Rosebrock		Sole
Immanuel	Palatine	Rev.	Warren	Schilf		Senior/Admin
Lord of Glory	Grayslake	Rev.	Brian	Davies		Sole
Lord of Life (Millbrook)	Serena	Rev.	Charles	Sampson		Sole
Our Redeemer	Freeport Prospect	Rev.	Willis	Schwichtenberg		Sole
Our Redeemer	Heights	Rev.	Jeffery	Leichman		Sole
Our Savior	Carol Stream	Rev.	Kenneth	Estes		Sole



Our Savior	Joliet	Rev.	Matthew	Carlson		Sole
Our Savior	Momence	Rev.	Gregory	Brown		Sole
Peace	Beecher	Rev.	Julian	LaMie		Senior/Admin
Peace	Plainfield	Rev. Dr.	David	Balla		Sole
Prince of Peace	Crystal Lake	Rev.	Larry	Rubeck		Sole
Prince of Peace	Palatine	Rev.	Karl	Fay		Senior/Admin
Risen Savior	Manteno	Rev.	Kevin	Werner		Sole
Saint Andrew	Rockton	Rev.	Donald	Stein		Sole
Saint John	Burlington	Rev.	Patrick	Pinion		Sole
Saint John	Forest Park	Rev. Dr.	Leonard	Payton		Senior/Admin
Saint John	Mount Prospect	Rev.	Jeff	Gavin		Sole
Saint John	Pecatonica	Rev.	Phillip	Allman		Sole
Saint John	Schaumburg	Rev.	Robert	Etheridge		Sole
Saint John	Sycamore	Rev.	Paul	Mumme		Sole
Saint John	Wheaton	Rev.	Eamonn	Ferguson		Associate
Saint John's	Algonquin	Rev.	Jeremy	Latzke		Senior/Admin
Saint John's	Chicago	Rev.	Jacob	Ehrhard		Sole
Saint John's	Elgin	Rev.	Aaron	Levenhagen		Sole
Saint John's	Lansing	Rev. Dr.	John	Richy		Sole
Saint John's	Lena	Rev.	Jason	Shaw		Senior/Admin
Saint John's	Lombard	Rev. Dr.	Dan	Wegrzyn		Senior/Admin
Saint John's	Union	Rev.	Caleb	Schauer		Senior/Admin
Saint Luke	Itasca	Rev.	Terry	McReynolds		Senior/Admin
Saint Luke's	Montgomery	Rev.	Aaron	Mol		Sole
Saint Mark's	Saint Charles Hawthorn Woods	Rev.	James	Holt		Senior/Admin
Saint Matthew	Addison	Rev.	Ryan	Ferguson		Associate
Saint Paul	Bourbonnais	Rev.	Kevin	Peterson		Sole
Saint Paul	Brookfield	Rev. Dr.	Roger	Drinnon		Associate
Saint Paul	Brookfield	Rev. Dr.	Edward	Naumann		Sole
Saint Paul	Matteson	Rev.	Matthew	Troester		Senior/Admin
Saint Paul	Mount Prospect	Rev.	Bo	Graham		Senior/Admin
Saint Paul	Rockford	Rev.	Jonathan	Fisk		Sole
Saint Paul	Skokie	Rev.	Henry	Biar	II	Sole
Saint Paul (Dorchester)	Chicago	Rev.	Jeffrey	Howell		Sole
Saint Paul's	Lockport Arlington Heights	Rev.	Christopher	Antonetti		Sole
Saint Peter	Heights	Rev.	Micah	Greiner		Senior/Admin
Saint Peter	Dundee	Rev.	Bruce	Milash		Senior/Admin
Saint Peter	Joliet	Rev.	David	Totsky		Sole
Saint Peter	Schaumburg	Rev.	Jerry	Hays		Senior/Admin
Saint Philip (S)	Chicago	Rev.	Elstner	Lewis	Jr.	Sole
Salem	Homewood	Rev.	Brian	Mayo	Sr.	Sole
Tabor	Chicago	Rev.	Walter	Ramirez		Associate
Trinity	Genoa	Rev.	Derek	Paetow		Sole



Trinity	Huntley	Rev.	Andrew	Hatesohl	Sole
Trinity	Lansing	Rev.	Ryan	Reese	Sole
Trinity	Lisle	Rev.	Nicholas	Price	Senior/Admin
Trinity	Lombard	Rev.	Steven	Wagner	Senior/Admin
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Zion	Chebanse	Rev.	Benjamin	Hayter	Sole
Zion	Grant Park	Rev.	Cory	Estby	Sole
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Apostles	Melrose Park		Rebecca	Dominguez	
Ascension	Niles		Andrew	Witte	
Beautiful Savior	Antioch		Glenn	Lingle	
Bethany	Naperville		Erich	Keller	
Bethel	Gurnee		Elizabeth	Blasko	
Bethlehem	River Grove		Gerald	Erjavec	
Bethlehem	West Dundee		Lynn	Petersen	
Calvary	Elgin		Dean	Spacone	
Christ	Orland Park		Brian	Evans	
Christ Our Savior	Dixon		Shane	Miller	
Cross	Yorkville		Joel	Ottosen	
Crosspoint	Lakewood		Edward	Brown	
Divine Shepherd	Bolingbrook		Ron	Ruisz	
Emmanuel	Aurora		David	Moser	
Emmanuel	Dwight		Larry	Cashmer	
Faith	Carpentersville		Harold	Kling	
Faith	Geneva		Frederick	Ruch	
Faith	Oak Lawn		Eugene	Osmanski	Jr.
Fellowship of Faith	McHenry		Mark	Montgomery	
Good Shepherd	Elgin	Dr.	Glen	Redeker	
Good Shepherd	Frankfort		Claire	Munch	
Grace	Northbrook		John	Chalberg	
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Hope	Countryside		Duane	Kranzow	
Iglesia Evangelica Lutherana San Pablo	Aurora		Eliud	Flores	
Immanuel	Bartlett		Al	Thick	
Immanuel	Batavia		Matt	Hager	
Immanuel	Belvidere		Johnathon	Haig	
Immanuel	DeKalb		Carol-Joy	Motisi	
Immanuel	Des Plaines		Deb	Bordes	
Immanuel	Downers Grove		Sheila	Bowlin	
Immanuel	East Dundee		Timothy	Bishop	
Immanuel	Elmhurst		Kathleen	Wilharm	
Immanuel	Hillside		Michael	Hadler	
Immanuel	Hinckley		Chris	Aichele	
Immanuel	Lindenwood		Richard	Franz	
Immanuel	Palatine		Mike	Stammer	
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Lord of Life (Millbrook)	Serena		Luke	Sampson	
Messiah	Chicago		John	Kinast	



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Our Redeemer	Prospect Heights	James	Burmeister
Our Savior	Carol Stream	Bill	Pickens
Our Savior	Joliet	James	Jones
Our Savior	Momence	Dave	Eckberg
Peace	Beecher	David	Bunte
Peace	Plainfield	Jo Lynn	Worden
Prince of Peace	Crystal Lake	Roberta	Cunningham
Prince of Peace	Palatine	Sean	Hoyer
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Risen Savior	Manteno	Jay	Mather
Saint Andrew	Rockton	Alexander	Semenchuk
Saint John	Burlington	David	Farran
Saint John	Forest Park	Sandi	Prescott
Saint John	Mount Prospect	Jan	Anderko
Saint John	Pecatonica	Seth	Klatt
Saint John	Schaumburg	Richard	Keylard
Saint John	Sycamore	Craig	Peterson
Saint John	Wheaton	Craig	Scheel
Saint John's	Chicago	Timothy	Eischen
Saint John's	Elgin	Brian	Wede
Saint John's	Lena	Craig	Kroeger
Saint John's	Lombard	Barry	Prescott
Saint John's	Union	Mike	Swanson
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Saint Mark's	Saint Charles	Jeffrey	Studer
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Saint Paul	Brookfield	Mark	Stern
Saint Paul	Lockport	William	Rohder
Saint Paul	Matteson	Dennis	Pieper
Saint Paul	Mount Prospect	Bryan	Yelvington
Saint Paul	Oak Lawn	William	Leise
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Saint Paul	Thornton	William	Sommer
Saint Paul (Dorchester)	Chicago	Glenda	Liner
Saint Paul's	Bourbonnais	Brent	Eden
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Saint Peter	Dundee	Ray	Pemoller
Saint Peter	Schaumburg	Greg	Frey
Saint Peters	Morrison	Martin	Schuette
Saint Philip (S)	Chicago	James	McCoy



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Trinity	Huntley	Georgina	Ozga-Dortch
Trinity	Lansing	Daniel	Reid
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Trinity	Lombard	Lori	Solyom
Trinity	Roselle	Scott	Liles
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Zion	Lyons	David	Lewis
Zion	Marengo	John	Olson
Zion	Naperville	Thomas	Soltwisch
Zion	Oak Lawn	Stanley	Gizevich
Zion	Ottawa	Robert	Mundt



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25 Years

Steven Anderson
Richard Bellas
Carlos Catalan
Philip Heuser
John Hodson
Jay Klein
Jeffrey Leininger
Elstner Lewis, Jr.
Martin Marks
Richard Mau
John Moeller
Paul Mumme
William Ryden
Michael Sneath

10 Years

Fred Gaede
James Holt
Peter Imlah
James Lee II
Brian Mayo, Sr.
Jorge Mazariegos
Angel Morales
Edward Naumann
Michael Nesbit
Matthew Rosebrock
David Roskowic
Steven Warren
Martin Zarate



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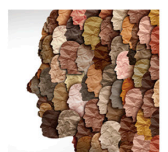
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5
 6 **RESOLUTION: 1-01** TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR FRANZ PIEPER AND F.C.D.
 7 WYNEKEN
 8 Referencing Overture 1-21

9
 10 **WHEREAS**, June 27, 2027 is the 175th birthday of Franz Pieper; and

11
 12 **WHEREAS**, May 4, 2026 is the 150th anniversary of the death of Friedrich Conrad
 13 Dietrich Wyneken; and

14
 15 **WHEREAS**, both these men made a tremendous impact as pastors, theologians, and
 16 presidents of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS); and

17
 18 **WHEREAS**, Wyneken in particular helped to organize the confessional Lutherans in
 19 the United States, aroused tremendous support for Lutheran mission work in America
 20 through his *The Distress of the German Lutherans in North America*, did tremendous
 21 mission work in all of the congregations he served, and did much to enshrine a
 22 commitment to missions in the LCMS; and

23
 24 **WHEREAS**, Pieper in particular served on the Synodical Conference’s Board of Colored
 25 Missions from 1882 until 1899 when he became LCMS president, wrote *Christian*
 26 *Dogmatics*, served as the primary author of *A Brief Statement*, and wrote numerous
 27 other important theological works; and

28
 29 **WHEREAS**, the author of Hebrews instructs us, “Remember your leaders, those who
 30 spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate
 31 their faith.” (13:7);

32
 33 Therefore be it

34
 35 **RESOLVED**, that the convention give thanks to God for the life and work of Franz
 36 Pieper and F.C.D. Wyneken; and be it finally

37
 38 **RESOLVED**, that the congregations and pastors of the Northern Illinois District of the
 39 LCMS be encouraged to study the life and work of these men in circuit meetings,
 40 pastoral conferences, lay gatherings, and their own private study.



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 6 **RESOLUTION: 1-02A** TO STATE RELIGIOUS OBJECTION TO GOVERNMENT
 7 INTERFERENCE OF PARENTS' DUTY

8 Referencing Overtures 1-01, 1-02, 1-03, 1-04

9 **WHEREAS**, the Small Catechism confesses that God has created and gives to each
 10 person “my body”; and

11
 12 **WHEREAS**, the body of the baptized is the temple of the Holy Spirit and belongs to
 13 God and God alone (1 Corinthians 6:19); and

14
 15 **WHEREAS**, the Fourth Commandment, as explained in the Large Catechism, places
 16 all authority over a child on the parents of that child, so that we confess, “All authority
 17 flows and is born from the authority of parents. Where a father is unable alone to
 18 educate his child, he uses a schoolmaster to teach the child...So all whom we call
 19 ‘masters’ are in a place of parents and must get their power and authority to govern
 20 from them” (para 141-142); and

21
 22 **WHEREAS**, the Scriptures (and the Catechism) do not limit parental authority to a
 23 particular age, but state that God has given authority to parents over all children who
 24 live under their roof; and

25
 26 **WHEREAS**, government in our society—at federal, state, and local levels—may in
 27 various ways attempt to step between children and their parents (impeding the
 28 parents’ duty to raise their children in faith and life of the Christian confession),

29
 30 Therefore be it

31
 32 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District boldly, unequivocally, and plainly state
 33 its objection on the grounds of religious belief to any federal, state, local law, mandate,
 34 and any school policy, that infringes with the parents’ duty to raise their children or
 35 that aids the minor child in circumventing parental authority; and be it further

36
 37 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District state plainly its willingness to
 38 recommend resources for any parents within sister congregations of the Northern
 39 Illinois District who face the challenge of government laws or school policies negating
 40 parents’ duties to raise their children in the fear of the Lord; and be it further

41
 42 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District commend parents for their work in
 43 raising their children in the training and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4) so



44 that they might be found faithful though surrounded by teachings and influences
45 contrary to the Gospel; and be it further

46
47 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District urge her congregations and all their
48 families to benefit their children with the use of Lutheran schools, Lutheran
49 homeschools, and other opportunities for Christian education, that the parents may
50 safeguard their God-given responsibility, and that the children may be protected from
51 such government overreach and godless agendas and may be raised in the proper fear
52 of the Lord; and be it finally

53
54 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District urge The Lutheran Church—Missouri
55 Synod at the 2026 convention to unequivocally, and plainly state its objection on the
56 grounds of religious belief to any federal, state, local law, mandate, and any school
57 policy, that infringes with the parents' duty to raise their children or that aids the
58 minor child in circumventing parental authority and to provide guidelines for parents
59 as it relates to this topic.



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6 **RESOLUTION: 1-03A** ADDRESSING CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM IN THE AMERICAN
7 CONTEXT

8 Referencing Overtures 1-24, 1-26

9
10 **WHEREAS**, Scripture does not endorse or prescribe one form of government over
11 another since the fall of ancient Israel; and

12
13 **WHEREAS**, there is much fear and misunderstanding of what is and is not Christian
14 Nationalism due to public discourse and this causes much confusion within our
15 synod; and

16
17 **WHEREAS**, pastors, other church workers, and laity have many questions on this
18 topic and seek to live out their faith in God pleasing ways especially in their vocations
19 as citizens;

20
21 Therefore be it

22
23 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District requests that The Lutheran Church—
24 Missouri Synod in the 2026 national convention to direct the Commission on Theology
25 and Church Relations (CTCR) to thoroughly study and publish a report on Christian
26 Nationalism detailing various forms, working definitions, and its relation to our
27 Lutheran understanding of the two kingdoms.



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 6 **RESOLUTION: 1-04A** TO CHAMPION GOD’S GOOD GIFTS OF SEXUALITY AND
 7 MARRIAGE

8 Referencing Overtures 1-05, 1-06
 9

10 **WHEREAS**, God created us “male and female” (Gen 1:27), and Jesus Himself extols
 11 the Father’s creation of these two distinct and complementary sexes “from the
 12 beginning of creation” (Mt 19:4; Mk 10:6), and
 13

14 **WHEREAS**, marriage – the union of one biological man and one biological woman – is
 15 an honorable estate instituted and blessed by God in Paradise before humanity’s fall
 16 into sin (Gen 2:18-24), and sexual intimacy is intended by God solely within the union
 17 of husband and wife in marriage (1 Cor 7:2; Heb 13:4), and
 18

19 **WHEREAS**, marriage is a reflection of the union between Jesus Christ and His bride,
 20 the Church (Eph 5:22-33), and a husband is called daily to sacrifice himself for the
 21 sake of his wife and family rather than domineering over them, and a wife is called to
 22 support and respect her husband rather than undermining him, and
 23

24 **WHEREAS**, sexual immorality is listed first among “the works of the flesh” (Gal 5:19),
 25 something that “must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints” (Eph
 26 5:3) and therefore is to be “put to death” (Col 3:5), and every type of sexual immorality
 27 is sinful and offensive to God (Ex 20:14; Rom 1:26-28; 1 Cor 5:11; 6:9-10; 6:18; cf.
 28 Sixth Commandment), and “those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of
 29 God” (Gal 5:21), and
 30

31 **WHEREAS**, with the Spirit’s help we “flee from sexual immorality” (1 Cor 6:18; cf. 1
 32 Thess 4:3), confess our sins, and believe Christ’s all-atoning sacrifice for sinners on
 33 the cross, and our gracious God “is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to
 34 cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 Jn 1:9) for Christ’s sake; and
 35

36 **WHEREAS**, with the purpose of encouraging such holy living, confessional resources
 37 are available from ministries including but not limited to DOXOLOGY (*In HIS Image*
 38 conferences), Lutherans for Life (*Friends for Life* podcast), and Concordia Publishing
 39 House (*Male & Female: Embracing Your Role in God’s Design*);
 40

41 Therefore be it
 42



43 **RESOLVED**, that the congregations of the Northern Illinois District confess clearly and
44 boldly in convention and in congregational life that all sins against God's good gifts of
45 sexuality and marriage are destructive to faith and deserving of God's wrath and
46 eternal punishment; and be it further

47
48 **RESOLVED**, that the congregations of Northern Illinois District in convention
49 commend The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and its Districts for providing
50 resources and educational opportunities to aid the church in best stewarding God's
51 gifts of sexuality and marriage and urge this to continue; and be it further

52
53 **RESOLVED**, that the congregations of the Northern Illinois District, their pastors, and
54 other called workers who support the pastoral office clearly and boldly call all who are
55 guilty of sexual immorality to repent of such sins, to desire amendment of life, and to
56 look in faith to Jesus Christ as the One who died on the cross to save sinners; and be
57 it further

58
59 **RESOLVED**, that the congregations of the Northern Illinois District and their pastors
60 clearly and boldly proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ forgives the penitent in
61 their preaching, teaching, and regularly offering private confession and absolution, to
62 fill their ears with consolation and comfort from God's holy Word, and be it finally

63
64 **RESOLVED**, that the congregations of the Northern Illinois District collaborate in
65 ministries (such as marriage retreats, youth gatherings, counseling networks,
66 conferences, sharing of resources, church worker training, etc.) intended for those who
67 commit sexual sins and those hurt by sexual sin that all might live in conformity to
68 God's will, find comfort in His healing Gospel promises, and that all of us live in our
69 holy calling as His children.



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6 **RESOLUTION: 1-05** TO AFFIRM THE NEED FOR OPEN CHURCHES DURING TIMES
 7 OF PLAGUE, PESTILENCE AND PANDEMIC
 8 Referencing Overtures 1-07, 1-08, 1-09, 1-10
 9

10 **WHEREAS**, our Lord Jesus Christ instituted His Supper for the forgiveness of sins,
 11 refreshment, comfort and strength (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:15
 12 20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; LC V 72); and
 13

14 **WHEREAS**, our Lord was physically present with His disciples at His institution of His
 15 Supper and personally administered the elements to them, and likewise He calls His
 16 undershepherds, namely the men whom He called to the Office of the Public Ministry,
 17 to administer His supper in person to His people (John 19 20:22-23; AC V; AC VII; AC
 18 XXIV 30); and
 19

20 **WHEREAS**, we must therefore, “never think of the Sacrament as something harmful
 21 from which we had better flee, but as a pure, wholesome, comforting remedy that
 22 grants salvation and comfort” (LC V 68); and
 23

24 **WHEREAS**, we are commanded by God to gather to receive God’s Word and
 25 Sacrament (SC Third Commandment) and “not neglect meeting together” (Hebrews
 26 10:25), and
 27

28 **WHEREAS**, historically the Church has thus recognized herself as essential during
 29 times of plague (notable examples including the plague of Alexandria in 250 AD, where
 30 the Christians who remained to tend for the sick were considered martyrs, and the
 31 1527 plague at Wittenberg, where Martin Luther recommends in his letter that some
 32 in the pastoral office must remain to serve the sick and dying); and
 33

34 **WHEREAS**, historically, even in times of plague, pastors have brought Absolution,
 35 God’s Word, and Sacrament to the sick and shut-ins when they were unable to be
 36 present at church and were near death; and
 37

38 **WHEREAS**, during the recent Covid pandemic and due to concerns of disease spread
 39 and lack of personal protection equipment, pastors and churches were forbidden to
 40 visit those who were hospitalized and in long-term residential care facilities; and
 41

42 **WHEREAS**, we are to be subject to the governing authorities (Romans 13:1), yet where
 43 the authorities contradict God’s Word, we are to obey Him rather than men (Acts
 44 5:29); and
 45

46 **WHEREAS**, the 2023 Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS)



47 affirmed in-person communion (Resolution 5-08A) and encouraged in-person worship
48 (Resolution 4-06) and directed the Commission on Theology and Church Relations
49 (CTCR) to “produce a study of the Third Commandment that addresses...its
50 application to Christian worship today”;

51
52 Therefore be it

53
54 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District urge that where a man ordained to the
55 Office of the Public Ministry is present and available, congregations should continue
56 the in-person administration of the Lord’s Supper, even during times of plague; and be
57 it further

58
59 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District urge congregations, using God’s gifts of
60 science and reason, to take steps to lessen fear and risk, while not interfering with the
61 administration of the Lord’s Supper as He instituted it; and be it further

62
63 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District affirm that the bringing of Word and
64 Sacrament to the sick and shut-in is essential to his/her well-being, and the pastor,
65 as a physician of souls, should have the same visiting rights and responsibilities as for
66 the health care worker; and be it further

67
68 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District affirm that, in Christian freedom
69 (Galatians 5:1) and based on local realities, some congregations may choose to
70 temporarily and briefly suspend public gatherings during times of plague, but that the
71 deliverance of Word and Sacrament must continue; and be it further

72
73 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District affirm that, while respecting God’s
74 vocational calls to local political leaders and public health authorities, she strongly
75 opposes the forced closings of congregations in times of plague, as well as the banning
76 of contact with those hospitalized or in long-term care facilities, as a contradiction of
77 God’s Word and thus outside the Divinely-ordained bounds of their offices in His
78 Kingdom of the Left; and be it finally

79
80 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District commend the Lutheran Center for
81 Religious Liberty for their advocacy on this and other such concerns, as well as the
82 2023 LCMS Convention for Resolutions 5-08A and 4-06, and the CTCR for their
83 continued work on their study of the Third Commandment.



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 6 **RESOLUTION: 2-01** TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS TO SEEK WELLNESS FOR
 7 THEIR CHURCH WORKERS

8 Referencing Overtures 2-07, 2-09, 2-14

9
 10 **WHEREAS**, Our Lord has created humanity in His image (Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis
 11 9:6) and has created us anew in Christ Jesus (II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:29); and

12
 13 **WHEREAS**, Our Lord promises to supply us with all we need to support this body and
 14 life (Luther’s Large and Small Catechisms, The Creed, Explanation to the First Article;
 15 The Lord’s Prayer, Explanation to the Fourth Petition); and

16
 17 **WHEREAS**, The Northern Illinois District in convention has affirmed “Wellness” as one
 18 of its three mission priorities and has actively pursued this emphasis through the
 19 service of its Wellness Committee and Church Worker Care Team; and

20
 21 **WHEREAS**, Surveys within our synod have revealed a significant percentage of church
 22 professionals greatly suffer in identified areas of wellness as they serve in ministry
 23 (*The Reporter*, January 2017 edition); and

24
 25 **WHEREAS**, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in its 2016 convention resolved to
 26 address church worker wellness matters through our district presidents, circuit
 27 visitors, and congregations (Res. 18- 05); and

28
 29 **WHEREAS**, Sabbaticals can be a vital tool for addressing burnout, allowing church
 30 workers time for rest, renewal, and reconnection with their calling, which benefits
 31 both the worker and their congregation in the long term; and

32
 33 **WHEREAS**, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has developed resources to
 34 provide care for both ordained and commissioned church workers in nine identified
 35 critical areas of wellness: Identity in Christ; Supportive and Encouraging Culture;
 36 Healthy Church, Schools, and Ministries; Finances; Relationships; Caregivers;
 37 Recognition and Connection; Awareness, Resources and Advocacy; and Care Provided
 38 Locally;

39
 40 Therefore be it

41
 42 **RESOLVED**, That the Northern Illinois District in convention commend congregations
 43 to actively seek the wellness of their church workers, reflecting the value they have for
 44 them and to celebrate them as gifts from our Lord; and be it further

45
 46 **RESOLVED**, The Northern Illinois District in convention encourages congregations to



47 annually review the salary and benefits they provide to their church workers with the
48 goal of making their workers aware of those benefits, especially those congregations
49 and ministries who provide benefits through Concordia Plan Services; and be it further
50

51 **RESOLVED**, The congregations of our district be encouraged to research and make
52 use of ministries that support the care of church workers such as Grace Place,
53 Doxology, Shepherd's Canyon, *etc.*; and be it further
54

55 **RESOLVED**, The congregations of our district be encouraged to explore the use of
56 sabbaticals for their professional church workers and resources that will support them
57 in this endeavor and be it finally
58

59 **RESOLVED**, That we ask our congregations, schools, and ministries to regularly pray
60 for their church workers and that the Lord would provide more workers for the harvest
61 (Matthew 9).



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 6 **RESOLUTION: 2-02A** TO ALIGN THE TERM LIMITS OF DISTRICT PRESIDENT AND
 7 VICE PRESIDENTS

8 Referencing Overtures 2-01, 2-02, 2-03, 2-04
 9

10 **WHEREAS**, the 2021 Convention of the Northern Illinois District increased the term
 11 limit for the District President to four (4) terms, and
 12

13 **WHEREAS**, the term limit for district Vice Presidents is currently set at three (3)
 14 terms, and
 15

16 **WHEREAS**, District Vice Presidents are experienced and qualified men who may
 17 eventually replace an outgoing District President, and a term of service in this
 18 leadership role equal to that of the District President might prove beneficial;
 19

20 Therefore be it
 21

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District extend the term limit for district Vice
 23 Presidents to four (4) terms.
 24

25 and be it finally
 26

27 **RESOLVED**, that NID bylaw V.D be amended to read: ***For the offices of President***
 28 ***and Vice President, no individual may hold the same position for more than***
 29 ***four consecutive terms of three years each. For all other elective offices,*** no
 30 individual may hold the same elective office for more than three consecutive terms of
 31 three years each. Vacancy service for a period of more than one-half of a term shall be
 32 counted as a full term for purposes of term limitations.



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6 **RESOLUTION: 2-03** TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS TO COMPLETE ANNUAL
7 REPORTS AND REVIEW GOVERNING DOCUMENTS
8 Referencing Overtures 2-05, 2-06
9

10 **WHEREAS**, God in His Word encourages and admonishes Christians to maintain good
11 order among His people [1 Corinthians 14:40, Hebrews 13:17]; and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, the Lutheran Confessions encourage good order amongst our humanly
14 agreed upon roles [Ap. XIV]; and
15

16 **WHEREAS**, the Congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS)
17 “agree to provide annual membership and statistical information to the Synod” [LCMS
18 Bylaw 1.3.4.3]; and
19

20 **WHEREAS**, the Northern Illinois District (NID) has one of the lowest rates of annual
21 statistical reporting; and
22

23 **WHEREAS**, a condition of membership in the LCMS is to have the congregation’s
24 constitution and bylaws approved by the district board of directors (BOD) [LCMS
25 Bylaw 2.2.1], and
26

27 **WHEREAS**, over the last triennium it has been found that some congregations do not
28 have an approved constitution and bylaws and others have made changes without
29 BOD approval;
30

31 Therefore be it
32

33 **RESOLVED**, that the pastors and congregations of the Northern Illinois District be
34 directed to annually submit accurate reports to the LCMS Office of Rosters and
35 Statistics through the LCMS Information Support Network for Congregations (LISN)
36 portal; and be it further
37

38 **RESOLVED**, that over the next triennium every congregation of the NID contact the
39 district secretary to verify the latest approved version of their constitution and bylaws
40 and if found in need of updating, follow LCMS Bylaw 2.4.1 in the amendment process;
41 and be it finally
42

43 **RESOLVED**, that the NID in convention commend those congregations who annually
44 submit their statistical report and those congregations who have intentionally and
45 regularly reviewed their governing documents.



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 2 The Northern Illinois District
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6 **RESOLUTION: 2-04A** TO RECOGNIZE THE MARRIAGE AND HONOR THE SPOUSE
 7 OF CHURCH WORKERS
 8 Referencing Overture 2-17
 9

10 **WHEREAS**, The year 2025 will mark the 500th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther’s
 11 marriage to Katherine von Bora on June 13, 1525; and
 12

13 **WHEREAS**, Luther’s marriage helped to reestablish within the Reformation movement
 14 the blessing of marriage among the Christian clergy in the West; and
 15

16 **WHEREAS**, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) resolved at its 2023
 17 Convention,
 18

19 “That the LCMS encourages its districts holding pastoral conferences and/or
 20 conventions in 2025 to help celebrate the anniversary milestone by recognizing the
 21 wedding anniversaries of their pastors and their wives in whatever manner or custom
 22 might be deemed best; and be it further
 23

24 “Resolved, That district presidents and the congregations under their care be urged to
 25 give careful attention and commitment to their congregation’s moral obligation not
 26 only to love their pastor, his wife, and family, but also to provide the salary, housing,
 27 and benefits needed by the pastor to care for his wife and household”;
 28

29 Therefore be it
 30

31 **RESOLVED**, That the president, vice-presidents, and circuit visitors of the Northern
 32 Illinois District make known to all congregations of the NID the 2023 synodical
 33 resolution quoted above; and be it finally
 34

35 **RESOLVED**, That the president and his staff, vice-presidents, and circuit visitors of
 36 the Northern Illinois District additionally encourage NID congregations to recognize the
 37 marriage and honor all spouses of church workers in a special way in the Year of Our
 38 Lord, 2025.



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6 **RESOLUTION: 2-05A** TO CLARIFY THE PRIOR APPROVAL PROCESS FOR
 7 THEOLOGICAL FACULTIES, CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS, AND THE
 8 SELECTION PROCESS FOR SEMINARY PRESIDENTS

9 Referencing Overture 2-19
 10

11 **WHEREAS**, Appointments to theological faculties at all Synodical universities and
 12 seminaries are subject to the prior approval process (LCMS Handbook 2023 bylaws
 13 3.10.5.7.3 and 3.10.6.9.2); and
 14

15 **WHEREAS**, All appointments of the president of each Concordia University are subject
 16 to the prior approval process (LCMS Handbook 2023 bylaw 3.10.6.8.2); and
 17

18 **WHEREAS**, All seminary presidential appointments are subject to a selection process
 19 (LCMS Handbook 2023 bylaw 3.10.5.6.2); and
 20

21 **WHEREAS**, The aforementioned bylaws delegate the responsibility for prior approval
 22 to specific groups, and
 23

24 **WHEREAS**, The bylaws related to theological faculty (3.10.5.7.3 and 3.10.6.9.2)
 25 include the phrase “and shall include a thorough theological review”, and
 26

27 **WHEREAS**, The lack of a comprehensive definition of the scope of the prior approval
 28 process beyond a “thorough theological review” has led to questions among members
 29 of the synod; and
 30

31 **WHEREAS**, Trust among brothers and sisters could increase through a more well
 32 understood process, relieving any undue criticism of the process and those who carry
 33 it out on our behalf;
 34

35 Therefore be it
 36

37 **RESOLVED**, That the Northern Illinois District 2025 Convention memorialize the 2026
 38 Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to request the leadership of The
 39 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to publish articles in both *The Lutheran Witness*
 40 and *The Reporter* to clarify what the prior approval process is and how it is being
 41 carried out.



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 6 **RESOLUTION: 2-06** TO MODERNIZE THE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
 7 PROCEDURES OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
 8 Referencing Overture 2-13

9
 10 **WHEREAS**, The present election process of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
 11 (LCMS) provides for the online election of the Synod President prior to the national
 12 convention (LCMS Bylaw 3.12) and completion of this process two weeks prior to the
 13 national convention, and

14
 15 **WHEREAS**, Candidacy for First Vice President, Regional Vice-Presidents, and elections
 16 of the Synod Board of Directors, Mission Boards, and other elected offices are
 17 subsequential to the election of the Synod President and take place at the national
 18 convention, and

19
 20 **WHEREAS**, This process consumes considerable resources and takes precious time
 21 from discussing the business of the Synod in Convention, despite God's command to
 22 steward His gifts, and

23
 24 **WHEREAS**, Technological advancement and modern communication networks make it
 25 possible to complete this process prior to the national convention,

26
 27 Therefore be it

28
 29 **RESOLVED**, That the Northern Illinois District (NID) memorialize the LCMS to amend
 30 LCMS Bylaw 3.12 to facilitate the election of the First Vice President, Regional Vice
 31 Presidents, Synod Board of Directors, Mission Boards, and other elected offices prior
 32 to the national convention.



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 6 **RESOLUTION: 2-07 TO ENCOURAGE THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE**
 7 **CHURCH THROUGH THE VISITATION OF ECCLESIASTICAL SUPERVISORS**
 8 Referencing Overtures 2-16, 2-18, 2-20

9
 10 **WHEREAS**, Our Lord has given His Church to extend the Gospel witness into all the
 11 world (Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Peter 2:9-10) and

12
 13 **WHEREAS**, The carrying forth of the Lord’s work in mission and ministry for the local
 14 parish encompasses numerous areas of Christian life including Bible study,
 15 discipleship, stewardship, evangelism, Christian education, care for human need,
 16 etc.,

17
 18 **WHEREAS**, The constitution of our synod addresses a number of these areas of
 19 Christian life in Article III – Objectives in defining the purpose of the Synod, and

20
 21 **WHEREAS**, The Bylaws of the Synod state that “The district president shall, in
 22 accordance with the Constitution of the Synod, in his ministry of ecclesiastical
 23 supervision visit the congregations of this district,” (Bylaw 4.4.4) and

24
 25 **WHEREAS**, The Bylaws of the Synod further stipulate that said ecclesiastical
 26 supervisory visits (done by the district president or the circuit visitors or vice
 27 presidents as he sees fit) are to be conducted in this manner, “He shall come to the
 28 pastor and congregation as a brotherly advisor, reminding them of the joy of serving in
 29 the mission and ministry of the church,” (Bylaw 4.4.4d) and

30
 31 **WHEREAS**, The Bylaws of the Synod further stipulate that at these visits the district
 32 president or his official representative “shall include fraternal discussion in regard to
 33 worship and communion attendance; participation by the congregation in missions
 34 and work of the church at large; the congregation’s evangelism and education
 35 endeavors; its cultivation of sound stewardship principles; all aspects of compensation
 36 for professional church workers; the need for maintenance of purity of doctrine, the
 37 strengthening of the bond of Christian fellowship; and the provision of resources,
 38 opportunities, and assistance so God’s people can grow in their faith, hope, and love”
 39 (Bylaw 4.4.4e),

40
 41 Therefore be it

42
 43 **RESOLVED**, that the Northern Illinois District commend its district president in the
 44 carrying out of such ecclesial visits to all of our congregations and their pastors, and
 45 be it further

46



47 **RESOLVED**, that in these visits, the district president, or his official representative,
48 fraternally discuss theological commitment to LCMS teachings with the goal of
49 bringing about more harmony and unity between our churches, and be it further

50
51 **RESOLVED**, that the health and wellness of the ministry and its workers is also
52 discussed, and be it further

53
54 **RESOLVED**, these visits also include a discussion regarding future ministry direction
55 and possible partnerships with other congregations and Recognized Service
56 Organizations and be it further

57
58 **RESOLVED**, that we encourage our pastors and congregations to readily and joyfully
59 receive these ecclesial visits as they are intended for the building up of God's holy
60 people for the carrying out of His mission and ministry, and be it finally

61
62 **RESOLVED**, that the district president, or his representative, shall include progress of
63 these reports annually in official district communication and also in his report to the
64 2028 district convention.



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5
 6 **RESOLUTION; 3-01** TO REAFFIRM “WORD, WELLNESS, WITNESS” AS THE
 7 NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT’S MINISTRY FOCUS
 8 Referencing Overture 3-04

9
 10 **WHEREAS**, Our Lord has given us His inspired Word to make us wise for salvation
 11 through faith in Christ Jesus and to equip us for every good work [II Timothy 3:14-17];
 12 and

13
 14 **WHEREAS**, Our Lord has blessed us in wellness, giving us our very lives and richly
 15 and daily providing us with all we need to support this body and life. [Luther’s Small
 16 Catechism, The Creed, The First Article Explanation], and

17
 18 **WHEREAS**, Our Lord has called us to witness the gift of His grace to the World,
 19 proclaiming the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous
 20 light. [I Peter 2:9]; and

21
 22 **WHEREAS**, The Northern Illinois District in its 60th Convention resolved that “Word,
 23 Wellness, Witness” would be our ministry focus for our work together; and

24
 25 **WHEREAS**, “Word, Wellness, Witness” has served us well, helping to clarify ministry
 26 priorities and setting direction for our common efforts as a district in service to our
 27 Lord and His people;

28
 29 Therefore be it,

30
 31 **RESOLVED**, That the Northern Illinois District reaffirm the focus of “Word, Wellness,
 32 Witness,” for its work together; and be it further

33
 34 **RESOLVED**, That this focus be commended to the congregations, schools and
 35 ministries of the Northern Illinois District for its use, shaping their local ministry
 36 priorities; and be it finally

37
 38 **RESOLVED**, That we continue to lift up our prayers to our Savior, asking Him to bless
 39 our service together under “Word, Wellness, Witness” to the glory of God the honor of
 40 His name and salvation of all.



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6 **RESOLUTION: 3-02A** TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS AND SCHOOLS OF THE
 7 NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT TO WORK TOGETHER IN MISSION AND MINISTRY
 8 PARTNERSHIPS

9 Referencing Overture 3-02
 10

11 **WHEREAS**, Our Lord compares His Church to a human body in which the various
 12 parts of that body depend on one another and work together to fulfill His purposes for
 13 it (I Corinthians 12:12-27); and
 14

15 **WHEREAS**, Our Lord has equipped His Church with various gifts by the work of the
 16 Holy Spirit for the benefit of the entire body (Romans 12:1-8; I Corinthians 12:4-11,
 17 28-31; Ephesians 4:12-16); and
 18

19 **WHEREAS**, Our confessions remind us that our Lord has called us to a church that,
 20 while gathered around His Word and Sacraments locally, extends beyond the local
 21 congregation (Augsburg Confession Article VII; Luther's Large and Small Catechisms
 22 explanation to the Apostles' Creed Article III); and
 23

24 **WHEREAS**, Today, the churches, schools, and ministries of the Northern Illinois
 25 District face tremendous and numerous challenges, both internally and externally, as
 26 we seek to carry out our Lord's mission in this place; and
 27

28 **WHEREAS**, The Northern Illinois District, in response to these challenges, has been
 29 conducting Partnership Gatherings in our circuits during the past two trienniums to
 30 encourage congregations and ministries to build relationships with each other that we
 31 might assist one another in the carrying out of the work our Lord has given us to do
 32 together in Christian love, unity and strength; and
 33

34 **WHEREAS**, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has produced resources to
 35 encourage and assist congregations to develop partnerships in ministry with one
 36 another;
 37

38 Therefore be it,
 39

40 **RESOLVED**, That the Northern Illinois District in convention commend congregations,
 41 schools, and ministries to the task of purposefully building healthy relationships with
 42 each other in Christian love; and be it further
 43



44 **RESOLVED**, The Northern Illinois District encourage congregations, schools and
45 ministries to explore various ways that they might partner together to build one
46 another up in love and service, to lighten present burdens and carry out the mission of
47 Jesus among us; and be it finally

48

49 **RESOLVED**, That we entreat our congregations to continually lift up neighboring
50 LCMS ministries by name in our Prayers of the Church and to speak well of sister
51 congregations, schools and ministries to the glory of God, the honor of His name and
52 the salvation of all.



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 6 **RESOLUTION: 3-03A** TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD AND ENCOURAGE LUTHERAN
 7 SCHOOLS TO CONTINUE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP
 8 Referencing Overture 3-03

9
 10 **WHEREAS**, The Triune God commands that children be taught His Word by their
 11 parents and by the Church (Deut. 4:9-10; 6:5-9; Psalm 78; Matt. 19:13-15; 28:16-20;
 12 Eph. 6:4; 1 Tim. 4:10-11); and

13
 14 **WHEREAS**, Congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) have
 15 established early childhood centers, day schools, and high schools to teach the Word
 16 of God, and to assist fathers and mothers in their calling to instruct their children in
 17 the same Word and all godly knowledge; and

18
 19 **WHEREAS**, 2023 synodical resolution 12-04A commended and gave thanks for
 20 Lutheran schools; and

21
 22 **WHEREAS**, Lutheran schools provide a tremendous blessing to their students and
 23 broader communities; and

24
 25 **WHEREAS**, Lutheran parents who homeschool their children also provide a
 26 tremendous blessing to their children and those influenced by them; and

27
 28 **WHEREAS**, Many faithful LCMS members teach children in public schools and
 29 provide a tremendous blessings and faithful witness in an environment increasingly
 30 hostile to Christianity and biblical teachings;

31
 32 Therefore be it,

33
 34 **RESOLVED**, That the district in convention commend all educators and leaders in our
 35 NID schools and congregations, giving thanks to God for their faithful service; and be
 36 it further

37
 38 **RESOLVED**, That the district in convention commend all congregation members who
 39 serve in public or non-Lutheran private schools, encourage them to continue being a
 40 light shining in the darkness of an increasingly hostile world, and give thanks to God
 41 for their faithful service; and be it further

42



43 **RESOLVED**, That all congregations of the district congregations be encouraged in
44 their continued operation and support of our Lutheran schools; and be it further

45
46 **RESOLVED**, That all parents who are members of district congregations be
47 encouraged, where available, to enroll their children in our Lutheran schools; and be it
48 further

49
50 **RESOLVED**, That the pastors and congregations of our district view their schools as
51 the front line of the mission field; and be it further

52
53 **RESOLVED**, That the district in convention give thanks to God for the growth of
54 Lutheran schools, including classical Lutheran schools, micro-schools, homeschools,
55 and all other emerging school models that provide instruction in Lutheran doctrine
56 and godly knowledge; and be it finally

57
58 **RESOLVED**, That the congregations of the district be encouraged regularly to pray for
59 all schools, their teachers, administrators, staff, and boards, and the welfare of the
60 youth entrusted to their care.



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6 **RESOLUTION: 3-04A** TO OFFER THANKS TO GOD FOR CONGREGATIONS AND
 7 INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTING MINISTRY THROUGH FINANCIAL OFFERINGS
 8 Referencing Overture 3-01
 9

10 **WHEREAS**, The Apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote to the Church in
 11 Ephesus of God the Father, the reign of Christ and His great commitment and on-
 12 going concern for His Church, “He put all things under his feet and gave him as head
 13 over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”
 14 (Ephesians 1:22,23 ESV); and
 15

16 **WHEREAS**, The Apostle Paul, encourages the challenged and sometimes divided
 17 Church in Corinth to “strive to excel in the building up of the church, (I Corinthians
 18 14:12 ESV); and
 19

20 **WHEREAS**, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s own Constitution in the Reason
 21 for Forming of a Synodical Union, states, “Our Lord’s will that the diversity of gifts
 22 should be for the common profit. I Cor. 12:4-31”; and
 23

24 **WHEREAS**, Article III states the Objectives of the Synod, under Scriptures and the
 25 Lutheran Confessions, include, to conserve and promote the unity of the true faith,
 26 strengthen and aid congregations, schools and members in giving bold witness in word
 27 and deed, recruit and train Pastors, teachers and other professional church workers
 28 and assist in their continuing growth, promote harmony in our common confession
 29 of faith, provide ecclesiastical supervision, counsel and care for workers and provide
 30 for the welfare of workers; and
 31

32 **WHEREAS**, Many congregations and individual offer regular prayers and financial
 33 support for the work of the Northern Illinois District and The Lutheran Church—
 34 Missouri Synod;
 35

36 Therefore be it,
 37

38 **RESOLVED**, That the Northern Illinois District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri
 39 Synod in Convention offer thanks and praise to the Triune God for congregations and
 40 individuals who are able and “compelled by the Gospel of Christ” (II Corinthians 5:14),
 41 even in challenging times, to support the work of Christ through the Northern Illinois
 42 District and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod with financial offerings rejoicing



43 that God’s redeemed people are, “Stronger Together: Co-Workers for the Kingdom of
44 God;” and be it further

45

46 **RESOLVED**, That The Northern Illinois District in convention express thanks to
47 congregations and individuals for financial offerings given to support the “Common
48 Profit” among us in the Northern Illinois District and The Lutheran Church—Missouri
49 Synod to the Glory of God, the honor of His Name and that we are always striving
50 “vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches,
51 communities and the world” (LCMS Mission Statement).



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 6 **RESOLUTION: 3-05A** TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR 150 YEARS OF BLACK
 7 MINISTRY

8 Referencing Overture 3-05

9
 10 **WHEREAS**, Christ our Lord commissioned His church to make disciples of all nations.
 11 Matthew 28:19-20.

12
 13 **WHEREAS**, Revelation 5:9, 13:7, and 14:6 speak of salvation freely offered and the
 14 proclamation of the Gospel “to every nation and tribe and language and people”; and

15
 16 **WHEREAS**, many other passages of Holy Scripture testify to God’s love for all people
 17 and our obligation to likewise love our neighbors regardless of ethnic, geographic, or
 18 social background; and

19
 20 **WHEREAS**, 2027 marks the 150th anniversary of Black Ministry within The Lutheran
 21 Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) with its establishment at Emmanuel Lutheran
 22 Church, Ft. Wayne, IN at the 1877 convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical
 23 Conference of North America; and

24
 25 **WHEREAS**, the history of Black Ministry within the LCMS as the Rev. Dr. Richard C.
 26 Dickinson aptly put it is one of both “roses and thorns”; and

27
 28 Therefore be it,

29
 30 **RESOLVED**, that the NID celebrate the missionaries, teachers, churches, and schools
 31 involved in this work; and be it further

32
 33 **RESOLVED**, that the NID lament failure to meet the scriptural standards of love for
 34 one another; and be it further

35
 36 **RESOLVED**, that we commend the 2023 NID report on Crossing Thresholds: to Others
 37 mandated by the 2022 NID convention (Resolution 3-03A) and To Affirm the Common
 38 Humanity of All People and Ethnicities (Resolution 11-04A), adopted by the Synod in
 39 convention in 2019, and be it further

40
 41 **RESOLVED**, that the NID reaffirms the scriptural condemnation of racism in all its
 42 forms; and be it further

43



44 **RESOLVED**, that the NID encourage the study of the history of Black Ministry in the
45 LCMS through books such as Roses and Thorns: The Centennial Edition of Black
46 Lutheran Missions and Ministry in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Light in
47 the Dark Belt: The Story of Rosa Young as Told by Herself, films such as The First
48 Rosa, and other sources; and be it further

49
50 **RESOLVED**, that able scholars within the LCMS be encouraged to provide an updated
51 history of Black Ministry within the LCMS; and be it further

52
53 **RESOLVED**, that pastors, commissioned ministers, and lay people involved in this
54 work be encouraged to record their reflections and personal accounts for the sake of
55 preserving our knowledge of this important work; and be it further

56
57 **RESOLVED**, that the district in convention memorialize the Synod to adopt this
58 resolution generally as is, at its 2026 convention and that resources be provided to
59 celebrate the 150th anniversary of Black Ministry in the LCMS in 2027.



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6 **RESOLUTION: 3-06A** TO GIVE THANKS FOR 90 YEARS OF LWML IN NID
7 Referencing Overture 3-07
8

9 **WHEREAS**, at the 1937 of the Northern Illinois District (NID) of The Lutheran
10 Church—Missouri Synod, the district in convention approved the establishment of the
11 Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) in the district; and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, the NID LWML has been a tremendous blessing to the church through
14 their prayerful and material support of mission work; and
15

16 **WHEREAS**, individual LWML societies provide tremendous other service within their
17 congregations and communities; and
18

19 **WHEREAS**, the faithful service of women in the church according to their vocations is
20 a tremendous blessing from God and example to younger women (cf. Titus 2:3-5);
21

22 Therefore be it,
23

24 **RESOLVED**, that the NID in convention commend the district LWML for their faithful
25 service; and be it finally
26

27 **RESOLVED**, that the district encourage all women to faithfully serve the church
28 according to their vocations and abilities.



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6 **RESOLUTION: 3-07A** TO ENCOURAGE PASTORS TO HONOR THEIR OWN CALL
7 Referencing Overture 3-08
8

9 **WHEREAS**, The first objective of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is
10 to "Conserve and promote the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3-6; 1 Cor. 1:10) ... "
11 (Constitution Article III 1), and also to "Provide protection for congregations, pastors,
12 teachers, and other church workers in the performance of their official duties and the
13 maintenance of their rights" (Constitution Article III 9); and
14

15 **WHEREAS**, As a condition of acquiring and holding membership in the Synod, as
16 stated in Const. Art. VI 3 of the Constitution of the Synod, every congregation and
17 minister must agree to observe and respect the individual congregation's right to
18 call a pastor and not interfere with that pastor's proper authority in matters
19 pertaining to his call, and
20

21 **WHEREAS**, C.F.W. Walther's *Kirche und Amt*, adopted by the LCMS in Convention as
22 official doctrine (2001 Synod Convention To Affirm Synod's Official Position on Church
23 and Ministry RESOLUTION 7-17A), further defends the aforementioned rights and is
24 explicitly clear that pastors are not to meddle in congregations to which they have
25 no call or responsibility for ecclesiastical oversight according to the good order of
26 the church;
27

28 Therefore be it,
29

30 **RESOLVED**, That the NID memorialize the Synod in its 2026 convention to reaffirm
31 these beliefs, and be it finally
32

33 **RESOLVED**, That ecclesiastical supervisors fraternally, yet strongly, rebuke any
34 pastors (retired, called elsewhere, etc.) interfering with the internal affairs of a
35 congregation to which they are not properly called to preserve the unity of the church's
36 witness.



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6 **Notation from Standing Rules regarding Omnibus A, B, C & D:**

7 Prior to the convention, Floor Committees submitted certain overtures for Omnibus A,
 8 B, C, and D consideration. The secretary consolidated them into one resolution for
 9 each category. The Floor Committee used Synod rules.

10
 11 **OMNIBUS A: WHEN CERTAIN OVERTURES SHOULD BE PRESENTED FIRST TO A**
 12 **DISTRICT BOARD OR COMMITTEE (before asking District Convention to take**
 13 **action)**

14
 15 **Overtures sent to Omnibus A:**

16 Overture 2-08 TO INCREASE SUPPORT FOR CHURCH WORKERS (NID Board of
 17 Directors and NID Staff are addressing this topic on an ongoing basis.)
 18

19 Overture 2-10 TO SUPPORT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO GRADUATES
 20 PURSUING SEMINARY STUDY (NID Board of Directors and NID Staff are addressing
 21 this topic on an ongoing basis.)
 22

23 Overture 3-09 TO ENCOURAGE MEETING AND FELLOWSHIP ACROSS CIRCUITS
 24 (referred to the District President)
 25

26 Overture 3-15 STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL AND MINISTERIAL SUPPORT FOR
 27 URBAN MINISTRY THROUGH DISTRICT AND SUBURBAN PARTNERSHIPS (referred to
 28 the Board of Directors)
 29

30 **OMNIBUS B: WHEN CERTAIN OVERTURES HAVE BEEN GIVEN ADEQUATE AND**
 31 **APPROPRIATE RESPONSE BY A PREVIOUS DISTRICT OR SYNODICAL**
 32 **CONVENTION**

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 34 **Overtures sent to Omnibus B:**

35 Overture 1-11 TO AFFIRM AND ENCOURAGE THE USE OF GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AS
 36 A PROPER ELEMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (This has been addressed by Synod
 37 Convention 2023 5- 15 *To Uphold Proper Elements and Reverential Administration of*
 38 *the Lord's Supper*, and the committee has been informed that the subsequent report
 39 by the CTCR will not discourage the use of gluten-free hosts)
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41 Overture 1-12 TO AFFIRM AND ENCOURAGE THE USE OF GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AS
 42 A PROPER ELEMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (This has been addressed by Synod
 43 Convention 2023 5- 15 *To Uphold Proper Elements and Reverential Administration of*
 44 *the Lord's Supper*, and the committee has been informed that the subsequent report
 45 by the CTCR will not discourage the use of gluten-free hosts)
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47 Overture 1-13 ESTABLISHING A NEW VOTING STRUCTURE INCLUDING ROSTERED
 48 WORKERS (This has been addressed by Synod Convention 2023 9-08A *To Strengthen*
 49 *Nonvoting Advisory Delegate Participation at Conventions* and 2019 *Res. 9-17 Report:*
 50 *Study of Voting Privilege in the LCMS (CCM)* (pgs. 159-168 of 2023 *Convention*
 51 *Workbook*) Our congressional polity determines our 50/50 ordained to lay
 52 representation at the District and Synod levels. Adding commissioned ministers would
 53 require adding an equal number of lay delegates or pastoral delegates to maintain this
 54 balance. Proposed changes at synodical conventions have been repeatedly rejected.

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 56 Overture 1-14 TO GRANT COMMISSIONED CHURCH WORKERS THE RIGHT TO
 57 VOTE UNDER BYLAW 3.2.1 c (This has been addressed by Synod Convention 2023 9-
 58 08A *To Strengthen Nonvoting Advisory Delegate Participation at Conventions* and 2019
 59 *Res. 9-17 Report: Study of Voting Privilege in the LCMS (CCM)* (pgs. 159-168 of 2023
 60 *Convention Workbook*) Our congressional polity determines our 50/50 ordained to lay
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 63 balance. Proposed changes at synodical conventions have been repeatedly rejected.

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 65 Overture 1-15 RECOGNIZING ROSTERED WORKERS AS LAITY FOR VOTING
 66 PURPOSES (This has been addressed by Synod Convention 2023 9-08A *To Strengthen*
 67 *Nonvoting Advisory Delegate Participation at Conventions* and 2019
 68 *Res. 9-17 Report: Study of Voting Privilege in the LCMS (CCM)* (pgs. 159-168 of 2023
 69 *Convention Workbook*) Our congressional polity determines our 50/50 ordained to lay
 70 representation at the District and Synod levels. Adding commissioned ministers would
 71 require adding an equal number of lay delegates or pastoral delegates to maintain this
 72 balance. Proposed changes at synodical conventions have been repeatedly rejected.

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 74 Overture 1-17 ALLOWING WOMEN TO ASSIST IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S
 75 SUPPER (This has been addressed by Synod Convention 2016 5-14 *To Reaffirm*
 76 *Biblical Teaching on Man and Woman In The Church* and CTCR Report: "The Order of
 77 Creation: Theology, History, Definition" (October, 2022)

78
 79 Overture 1-18 TO AFFIRM INSPIRATION AND AUTHORITY OF MARK 16:9-20 (This
 80 has been addressed by Synod Convention 2023 5-50 *To Affirm Inspiration and*
 81 *Authority of Mark 16:9-20* which was referred to Omnibus A – Responsibility Assigned
 82 to Others (Commission On Theology And Church Relations) and the CTCR response
 83 "Textual Criticism" (2019)

84
 85 Overture 1-19 TO USE ONLY SUSTAINABLE BIBLE TRANSLATIONS (2023 Synod
 86 convention Ov. 4-10 *To Use Only Sustainable Bible Translations* was respectfully
 87 declined by the floor committee because the "Overture does not accurately state
 88 current LCMS agreements with Crossway"

89
 90 Overture 1-20 TO REJOICE IN THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD BY HIS
 91 CALLED AND ORDAINED SERVANTS (This has been addressed by Synod Convention
 92 1989 35-14 *To Address Appropriate Roles for Women and men in Worship* and CTCR



93 *Report: “Women in the Church: Scriptural Principles and Ecclesial Practice”*
 94 *September, 1985)*

95
 96 Overture 1-22 TO AFFIRM CONGREGATIONS RIGHT TO ALLOW WOMEN TO ASSIST
 97 IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (This has been addressed by Synod
 98 Convention 2016 5-14 *To Reaffirm Biblical Teaching on Man and Woman In The Church*
 99 and CTCR Report: “The Order of Creation: Theology, History, Definition” (October,
 100 2022)

101
 102 Overture 1-23 TO PROVIDE THE OPTION OF APPOINTING ONE ORDAINED PASTOR
 103 OR ONE COMMISSIONED MINISTER AS THE ROSTERED VOTING DELEGATE TO
 104 DISTRICT CONVENTION (This has been addressed by Synod Convention 2023 9-
 105 08A *To Strengthen Nonvoting Advisory Delegate Participation at Conventions* and 2019
 106 *Res. 9-17 Report: Study of Voting Privilege in the LCMS (CCM)* (pgs. 159-168 of 2023
 107 *Convention Workbook*) Our congressional polity determines our 50/50 ordained to lay
 108 representation at the District and Synod levels. Adding commissioned ministers would
 109 require adding an equal number of lay delegates or pastoral delegates to maintain this
 110 balance. Proposed changes at synodical conventions have been repeatedly rejected.

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 112 Overture 1-25 TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF CIRCUIT DELEGATES TO SYNODICAL
 113 CONVENTIONS AND INCLUDE MINISTERS OF RELIGION COMMISSIONED (This has
 114 been addressed by Synod Convention 2023 9-08A *To Strengthen Nonvoting Advisory*
 115 *Delegate Participation at Conventions* and 2019 *Res. 9-17 Report: Study of Voting*
 116 *Privilege in the LCMS (CCM)* (pgs. 159-168 of 2023 *Convention Workbook*) Our
 117 congressional polity determines our 50/50 ordained to lay representation at the
 118 District and Synod levels. Adding commissioned ministers would require adding an
 119 equal number of lay delegates or pastoral delegates to maintain this balance. Proposed
 120 changes at synodical conventions have been repeatedly rejected.

121
 122 Overture 3-06 CREATING A THIRD PATHWAY FOR GENERAL PASTORAL COLLOQUY
 123 FOR MEMBERS OF LCMS CONGREGATIONS WHO HAVE GRADUATED WITH AN
 124 ACCREDITED MASTERS OF DIVINITY DEGREE FROM A NON-LCMS SEMINARY (the
 125 2023 LCMS Convention passed Resolution 6-03A, especially the 6th resolve, there is an
 126 ongoing study)

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 128 Overture 3-13 TO GIVE A CLEAR CONFESSION OF THE RESURRECTION IN OUR
 129 FUNERAL PRACTICES (see CTCR report “Cremation and Christian”)

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 131 **OMNIBUS C: WHEN THE FLOOR COMMITTEE CHOOSES TO DECLINE THE**
 132 **OVERTURE**

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 134 **Overtures sent to Omnibus C:**
 135 Overture 1-16 TO GIVE GUIDANCE ON SEPARATION OF FIRST COMMUNION AND
 136 CONFIRMATION (This is addressed by *Lutheran Service Book: Agenda* (pg. 25))

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 138 Overture 2-11 TO REVIEW SYNODICAL PROPERTY FOR THE SAKE OF GOOD



139 STEWARDSHIP (The Synodical channels already in place are best equipped to steward
140 the Synod’s facilities and structure.)

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142 Overture 2-12 TO LOCALIZE AND CENTRALIZE DISTRICT WORK (The Synodical
143 channels already in place are best equipped to steward the Synod’s facilities and
144 structure.)

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146 Overture 2-15 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES BY
147 SLATE (*Robert’s Rules of Order* state that when bylaws require a vote to be taken by
148 ballot, this requirement cannot be suspended even by a unanimous vote.)

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150 Overture 3-10 AFFIRM BAPTISMAL IDENTITY IN CHRIST AND REJECT IDOLATRY OF
151 HUMAN CHARACTERISTICS (CTCR Feb 1994 report, “Overcoming Racism and
152 Idolatry in the Church” already addresses this. It is also covered in “Racism: a
153 Christian Response” (October, 1996). The NID also approved resolution 11-04A, “To
154 Affirm the Common Humanity of All People and Ethnicities” in 1995 Convention.

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156 Overture 3-11 PROTECT THE DIVINE CALL OF MISSIONARIES (Calling missionaries
157 is the work of LCMS BFIM, see bylaw 3.1.6.2 of Synodical Handbook, congregations
158 can send this overture directly to Synod convention.)

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160 Overture 3-12 TO LET THE WORD, CONFESSIONS, AND LITURGY HAVE FREE
161 COURSE (This matter should be taken up with CPH.)

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163 **OMNIBUS D: TO GIVE THANKS AND ENCOURAGEMENT**

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165 **Overtures sent to Omnibus D:**

166 Overture 3-14 TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SOUTH
167 WISCONSIN DISTRICT PRESIDENT JOHN WILLE

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