



DISTRICT NEWS

SOUTH DAKOTA



District East, will present on the pastor's "divine call."

Lutheran school teachers: Plan to gather Oct. 14-16 at Concordia University Nebraska in Seward for the Great Plains Educators Conference. Forty-nine sessions will be available for teachers from preschool through 12th grade.

All church workers and lay people: Attend the P.A.S.S. It On workshops at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, Black Hawk, on Saturday, Nov. 11, and at Sioux Falls Lutheran School, on Sunday, Nov. 12.

The P.A.S.S. It On events are new and exciting "one another" gatherings. P.A.S.S. stands for Proclaim, Affirm, Supply, Serve. Sponsored by the district's Mission and Ministry Council, think of the workshops as "toolboxes" for our work together in congregations and schools.

Both the East and West River gatherings will feature plenary sessions with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, speaker of "The Lutheran Hour," and break-out session tracks for witnessing, youth ministry and education, spiritual care, and stewardship and finance.

Elders in congregations will especially benefit from the spiritual care track, while church council members and finance officers will especially benefit from the stewardship and finance track.

Representatives from Lutheran Family Service, Concordia Plans, Lutheran Hour Ministries and the Lutheran Church Extension Fund will be in at-

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District has events for us to gather together



Rev. Dr. Scott Sailer
District President

My Bible app informs me there are 251 "one another" references in the Bible. Most are references to the life we live together as the holy Christian church and the communion of saints.

In St. Paul's letter to the Romans alone, there are 14 "one anothers," including:

- ▶ Love one another (12:10)
- ▶ Live in harmony with one another (12:16)
- ▶ Do not pass judgment on one another (14:13)
- ▶ Welcome one another (15:7)
- ▶ Instruct one another (15:14)



This fall I urge you to gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ in order to experience the encouragement and faith-building of group "one another" opportunities. So many are found at the congregational or circuit levels. The LWML offers many more "one another" get-togethers. Here are some districtwide opportunities:

Pastors: The district Fall Pastors' Conference is Oct. 2-4 at the Holiday Inn in Rapid City. Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, president of Iowa

Dual parish welcomes Pastor Ludwig

We welcome back Rev. Dr. Alan Ludwig and his wife, Patricia, to the South Dakota District! Rev. Ludwig was installed as assistant pastor of Our Savior, Aberdeen, and St. John's, Columbia, on June 11. Rev. Jordon Andreasen also serves on the dual-parish ministry staff.

Pastor Ludwig's first call was to our district in 1992, when he served Immanuel, Weecota, and Concordia, Cresbard, after he received a Master of Sacred Theology degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He previously served as an instructor at the Lutheran seminary in Novosibirsk, Russia. The South Dakota District also supported Pastor Ludwig through the *Together in Mission* program.



From left, (front row) Revs. Jacob Smith (St. Paul's, Aberdeen), Jordon Andreasen, Dr. Alan Ludwig, Ray Pomplun (emeritus), Kevin Moore (Messiah, Redfield/Redeemer, Doland); (back row) Ray Anderson (St. Paul's, Leola), Bret Bierman (Trinity, Mansfield/St. John's, rural Aberdeen/St. Paul, Stratford), Jeremy Yeadon (St. John, Groton/Zion, Andover) and Tim Rynearson (Peace, Brookings/Redeemer, Flandreau/Zion, White).

Congrats, Pastor Redhage!



Rev. Lloyd Redhage is pictured with his wife of 50 years, Shelly. Above right, ladies of the parish honor their pastor for the 40th anniversary of his ordination.



The dual parish of St. Paul, Ferney, and St. John, Britton, celebrated Rev. Lloyd Redhage's 40th ordination anniversary on June 18 — one week after Lloyd and his wife, Shelly, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Pastor Redhage has served St. John and St. Paul since 2017. A 1983 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., he has also served

in South Dakota for the entirety of his ministry, including:

- 1983-87: Holy Cross, Onida, and St. John, Agar
- 1987-97: Divine Shepherd, Black Hawk (he was also the church planter)
- 1997-2017: Zion, Andover, and St. Paul, Ferney

Congratulations and God's blessings to the Redhages!



NEW SERIES

Exploring stewardship in the church

By **Kate Meadows**
District News Editor

In our June/July issue, Rev. Paul Winckler, assistant to the district president, contributed a terrific article, “Reframing How the Church Thinks about Stewardship.” Stewardship is a term that’s been around for a long time in the church, and it is often misunderstood or not understood in the entirety of what it entails.

If you immediately think of the dollar sign when you hear the word “stewardship,” you’re not alone.

While God does call each of us to be good stewards of the financial resources He has entrusted to us, the practice of stewardship is larger than dollars and cents.

It also extends beyond the “3 Ts” of time, talent and treasure, as Pastor Winckler pointed out. We can be so focused on what, where and how much we’re giving that we lose sight of a bigger purpose and our role within it: How am I loving first God and then others as Christ has loved me?

As a pastor’s wife and a lifelong Lutheran, I am well aware of the challenges the church faces in today’s world. Giving is down. Servant volunteers have diminished. Church attendance is down.

What is thriving in today’s world? Loneliness. A culture of busyness and over-

scheduled families. Broken relationships. An inward focus — how am I taking care of and looking out for myself?

There is a correlation here, and I believe that all of us as believers in Christ have a role to play in righting the ship.

Pastor Winckler’s article was a kickoff to a new series we will explore in these pages — a focus on stewardship in the church in the midst of today’s society. We’ll look at the myriad aspects of stewardship, what the Bible says about stewardship, and we’ll hear stewardship stories from congregation members, pastors and missionaries across South Dakota. How are churches engaging their members to live lives of service to others? Where are churches struggling to share the love of Christ with their neighbors? What traditional and nontraditional ways are pastors and lay people sharing the love of Christ?

James 2:17 (NIV), in part, says, “faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

We should be so moved by the love and sacrifice Christ demonstrated for us that we should want to be out serving others in His name.

Yet as Lutherans we run into a tension with this. As Lutherans we believe that there is nothing — nothing! — we can do to save ourselves or make ourselves righteous before God. We depend entirely on God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit for our salvation. Without Him and the work He did for us, we are nothing.

As Lutherans we are also strictly opposed to works-based righteousness. In other words, we know that good works do not save us, and good works do not make us right with God. Our faith hinges on the words of Eph. 2:8-9:

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

But we so often stop there, without considering how we might respond to Christ’s work for us on the cross.

Jesus died for me. He paid the price for my sins. He loved me so much that He laid down His life for me so that I might live with Him for eternity.

If that’s not love, what is? And being a recipient of that love, how am I to respond?

Our preschool and kindergarten Sunday school kids sing a song regularly that has this line: “Oh, you can’t keep Jesus’s love in a box.”

As Christians, we have this gift — a gift that, if we truly believe it, we should not be able to contain or keep to ourselves. How is the love of Christ flowing through you?

I hope you’ll join us on this journey of exploring the many facets of stewardship as we see it through the eyes of God’s people — your brothers and sisters in Christ — working near you and alongside you. If you or your congregation has a stewardship story to share, or a question about stewardship you would like us to explore, please email me at kate@katemeadows.com.

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James 2:17 (NIV)

Kate’s husband, Bryan, serves as senior pastor of Zion, Rapid City.

PATTY'S PONDERINGS

'The King is Coming'

Every year, LWML plans an LWML Sunday, meant to highlight and honor the organization and the work and service its women so steadfastly provide.

It is time to plan your LWML Sunday! The recognition is traditionally held the first Sunday in October, but it can be celebrated any Sunday. The theme for this year is, "The King is Coming," based on Psalm 24:7-10:

Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

What great comfort these verses give us as we see that our Lord is so strong that He can conquer anything for us. He leads us through the battles of our lives, no matter what they may be. Each day we are confronted with the evil of this world. We can tell Satan to get behind us because we have our almighty King charging through the obstacles and carrying us across the barren desert and the foaming sea.

The well-known hymn, "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates," also based on Psalm 24, says in the fourth verse to "fling wide the portals of your heart and make it a temple set apart ... adorned with prayer and love and joy."

May God bless you in your circles and zones as you plan LWML Sunday for your church or for a zone gathering. Learn more and download materials, including those for Sunday bulletins, at lwml.org/lwml-sunday.



Patty Peters
LWML South Dakota District President

Young women offer convention reflections

I am grateful to have experienced such a wonderful event with LWML at this year's convention in Milwaukee! I loved seeing just how many people attended and how much good we are doing collectively. It was wonderful to connect with other women my age, and especially to form a friendship with Rebecca, whom I now hang out with regularly as she has joined our Bible study for married couples.



Vania Asmusa

My favorite part of the convention was the Mission Walk because through it I saw so much passion and support for raising money to do good. Another memorable moment was walking with the banner I designed for our district. It is one

thing to design something; it is another to design something with so much good and impact behind it.

Finally, during the convention I was able to bond with my husband's parents and play golf with my father-in-law for the Mites Tournament. I was the first YWR to participate in the golf tournament, so I hope that more YWRs are inspired to participate next year!

These are memories I will hold onto forever. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as a Young Woman Representative at the national convention. I am excited to see what is next for me with LWML!

I was so blessed to be selected as a Young Woman Representative for the 2023 national LWML convention. In the few days I was in Milwaukee with the other members of LWML from throughout the country, I was amazed to see the passion of those who serve our Lord.



Rebecca Scott

Something that really stood out to me was the worship services and devotions, where over 3,500 women throughout the nations came together under the same belief and supported each other in faith. With prayer, the LWML voting assembly selected 31 mission grants to fund over the next two years, and set a mission goal of \$2.35 million! All of those funds will be used to spread the love of Jesus and support Christ's work throughout the world. To me, this emphasizes the theme of "Celebrate the Lord of all Nations."

During the convention, we heard from some of the groups that had received funding from previous years. It was wonderful to see how these groups were working to support their cause and use the resources given to them through

LWML. These missions truly honor God by serving our neighbors near and far and proclaiming God's saving message to the nations.

The national convention was a wonderful experience that I am thankful I could experience alongside those from my church, the greater Christian community and all of those who came from across the nations.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Itching ears

Going to church for what you **want** to hear?



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outside forces and can be overcome by following a few simple steps.

In essence, we want to hear that it is all good, and that if we start feeling life becoming less good, we can easily right the ship. It is not a coincidence that many large churches in America proclaim this kind of message since that is what people want to hear. If you tell people what they want to hear, then the people and the money will roll in.

The problem with this “what I want” refrain is that it can’t actually help us in the long run. When your life starts sliding off the rails, you can’t depend entirely on that handy self-help manual (think “10 Steps to Financial Security” or “8 Steps to Recover a Significant Relationship” or the like).

As it turns out, you need something different than what you want. You need the truth. What people need to hear at church is an accurate diagnosis

of their condition. “What I want” can’t offer a solution because it refuses to diagnose the disease — sin. “What I need” recognizes your plight and offers a cure: a Savior, Jesus Christ, who substitutes Himself for us.

It will probably always be true that preaching “What I want” will rake in the money for the church; it tickles people’s itching ears. “What I need,” however, will be there when the bankrupt devotees of “What I want” need somewhere to turn and

have no money left to try to buy their way in. Today, revel in a God who gives us what we need: a Savior.

“What I want’ can’t offer a solution because it refuses to diagnose the disease – sin.”

In September we look forward to many upcoming events, and there is much rejoicing in the word and work of our Lord Jesus! There is LWML Sunday (generally the first Sunday of October) with the wonderful theme, “The King Is Coming.” Christian Life Workshops are scheduled for Sept. 16 (Peace, Rapid City) and 30 (Zion, Sioux Falls), with the intriguing theme, “The Impacts of Original Sin.”

What people want to hear at their church and what they need to hear are two very different things. We want to hear that we are fundamentally good, in control and on the right track. We also want to hear that the problems we experience in life are the result of



Rev. Brian Mosemann
LWML District Counselor

YANKTON ZONE REPORT



Members of the Yankton Zone gathered supplies and assembled school kits for Orphan Grain Train, which distributes the kits to those in need.

The Yankton Zone planned their Christian Life Workshop for last March 11 at Trinity, Fairfax. Everyone was looking forward to hearing our presenter, LWML pastoral counselor Rev. Brian Mosemann. For the ingathering,

we planned to make school kits for the Orphan Grain Train (OGT).

Unfortunately, Mother Nature had different plans, and we ended up canceling our workshop altogether. Supplies for

the school kits were gathered by local groups, along with a cash gift to be used toward shipping costs.

Several ladies met and assembled the school kits in donated backpacks. Forty-three school kits were delivered to the OGT warehouse in Norfolk, Neb.

Some of our ladies attended the district Spring Retreat in Brookings in April. They returned with care packages to give to their church workers. The attendees prepared the packages by filling the bags with gift cards and other goodies.

Two ladies from the Yankton Zone attended the LWML Convention in Milwaukee in June.

Sandy Brandt • Yankton Zone President

‘Just as I am’

The following essay, written by then-9th grader Olivia Brown of Spearfish, won the Lutherans For Life of South Dakota, Inc. essay contest for the 9-12 grade division.

Martin Luther famously once said, “These are the masks of God, behind which He wants to remain concealed and do all things.”

He was referring to the vocations God gave every human on earth. One of the many vocations given to humans is physician and doctor. God gave people that vocation to help and heal our physical bodies. Even the ancient Hippocratic Oath assumes doctors will only use their vocations to heal, as it says, “I will not give a lethal drug to anyone if I am asked, nor will I advise such a plan; and similarly I will not give a woman a pessary to cause an abortion” (*M. North, Greek Medicine – The Hippocratic Oath, National Library of Medicine, 2002*).

When physicians ignore this, physician-assisted suicide is morally OK and sometimes encouraged. God made vocations to work through us and we are to fulfill the vocations He has given us, and not go against His Word and murder others. Our vocations are a mask that God wears; we are wearing the mask and we are made in His image.

The Bible is very clear that God made us in His own image. For example, Ephesians 2:10 states:

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

That verse summarizes what God says about vocation throughout the Bible. Christ Jesus created and does good works, and Christians are to follow His example with the help of the Holy Spirit. This does not mean that doing good works earns us the right to go to Heaven; rather, it is what we are created to do. Article 6 of the Augsburg Confession explains that well:

We also teach that such faith ought to produce good fruits and good



Olivia Brown

works and that a person must do good works, of every kind that God has commanded, for the sake of God.

God has gifted everybody with unique vocations like family member, student and worker. Each has unique responsibilities and roles, so it is a sin when people take God’s Word and change what He meant about those vocations. People defending the use of euthanasia to end a life say it is acceptable because the patients ask to be helped, and God gives people the vocation to help others. That is not true, and as the Fifth Commandment clearly states, “You shall not murder” (Exodus 20:13). It is easy for doctors to pass the line between serving God through their vocation and going against God’s Word, even if they are “helping” others.

The general belief is that there are not many physician-assisted suicides in America, but this is incorrect. In 2021 alone, over 1,300 people died from physician-assisted suicide in America. If the phrase “physician-assisted suicide” were to be broken apart and

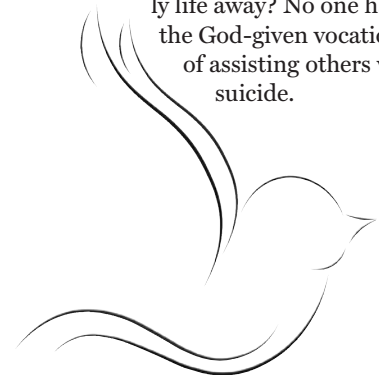
analyzed, it is clear that it is a person choosing death with the help of a doctor, or doctors choosing to help a patient with the use of euthanasia. Suicide is not accepted in the eyes of most cultures. So physician-assisted suicide cannot be supported by anybody as long as they follow God’s Word.

The defending argument is that patients should be able to choose when and how they die to make dying easier. [An opinion essay published on March 21, 2007, in *The New York Times*] supports that claim by saying, “Every person shall have the right to die with dignity; this right shall include the right to choose the time of one’s death and to receive medical and pharmaceutical assistance to die painlessly. No physician, nurse, or pharmacist shall be held criminally or civilly liable for assisting a person in the free exercise of this right.”

Of course, that is not correct in God’s eyes. Murdering others is a sin, whether given permission or not.

To be pro-life is not what most people think. It is not protesting and saying that killing babies is wrong. More than that, it is to understand why you are pro-life and why murdering people is terrible. Understanding that there are options besides dying is very important. It is hard for those in pain to hear, but continual prayer and faith in God are important. So, whether somebody is 80 and asks for euthanasia, or he/she is not born yet and cannot defend himself/herself, it is murder when a person’s life is taken.

God is merciful and has promised everlasting life, which is a blessing. Who are humans to take another’s earthly life away? No one has the God-given vocation of assisting others with suicide.



MISSION RECEIPTS

LCMS South Dakota District Congregational Year-to-Date Report of Mission Receipts for the six months ending July 14, 2023, compared to the six months ending July 14, 2022

City, Congregation	Comm. Members	2023 Intention	6 months 2023	6 months 2022	Avg/Per 2023	Comm. 2022
Circuit 1 – Aberdeen						
Aberdeen, Our Savior ¹	324	10,000	5,700	6,525	17.59	20.14
Aberdeen, St. John	82	12,500	7,744	7,647	94.44	93.26
Aberdeen, St. Paul	774	–	25,771	25,580	33.30	33.05
Andover, Zion	106	–	2,350	900	22.17	8.49
Britton, St. John ²	151	–	7,000	3,500	46.36	23.18
Columbia, St. John	101	7,750	3,875	1,938	38.37	19.19
Cresbard, Concordia	52	2,625	3,425	4,425	65.87	85.10
Doland, Redeemer	43	2,000	500	1,000	11.63	23.26
Ferney, St. Paul	165	–	4,000	4,000	24.24	24.24
Groton, St. John	303	7,000	5,651	5,618	18.65	18.54
Leola, St. Paul	51	500	–	–	–	–
Mansfield, Trinity	276	26,000	16,702	15,738	60.51	57.02
Redfield, Messiah	152	1,000	1,000	1,000	6.58	6.58
Stratford, St. Paul	38	4,000	4,000	1,000	105.26	26.32
Wecota, Immanuel	74	–	4,453	–	60.18	–
Circuit 1 Totals	2,692	\$73,375	\$92,171	\$78,871	34.24	29.30
Circuit 2 – Watertown						
Brookings, Mount Calvary	415	47,000	25,721	24,272	61.98	58.49
Brookings, Peace	289	–	3,000	6,000	10.38	20.76
Corona, Trinity	138	2,000	512	945	3.71	6.85
Flandreau, Redeemer	31	3,800	1,900	1,900	61.29	61.29
Milbank, Bethlehem	65	300	–	–	–	–
Milbank, Emanuel	582	24,000	10,000	10,000	17.18	17.18
Reville, St. John	127	3,000	2,110	1,249	16.61	9.83
Sisseton, Emanuel	137	4,400	485	1,375	3.54	10.04
Watertown, Mount Olive	371	30,700	17,908	15,350	48.27	41.37
Waubay, Zion	127	3,000	1,740	3,319	13.70	26.13
White, Zion	60	5,500	1,250	900	20.83	15.00
Wilmot, Our Savior	163	2,500	2,235	1,722	13.71	10.56
Circuit 2 Totals	2,505	\$126,200	\$66,861	\$67,032	26.69	26.76
Circuit 3 – Pierre						
Blunt, Trinity	37	2,000	1,000	1,500	27.03	40.54
Chamberlain, Zion	407	–	12,250	3,220	30.10	7.91
Draper, St. Paul	27	–	250	–	9.26	–
Gettysburg, Emmanuel	201	5,500	–	2,517	–	12.52
Gregory, St. John	251	–	–	–	–	–
Hamill, Zion	22	500	–	–	–	–
Harrold, Immanuel	22	100	–	–	–	–
Lebanon, Christ	23	300	–	–	–	–
Midland, St. Peter	44	3,000	1,780	1,300	40.45	29.55
Murdo, Messiah	71	3,000	1,250	1,262	17.61	17.77
Norris, St. John	69	2,500	696	715	10.09	10.36
Onida, Holy Cross	109	1,600	–	–	–	–
Philip, Our Redeemer	50	–	–	–	–	–
Pierre, Faith	1,467	45,000	22,500	26,250	15.34	17.89
Presho, Zion	88	1,650	1,500	–	17.05	–
Reliance, Trinity	36	–	–	–	–	–
Rosebud, Rosebud Mission	–	–	906	637	–	–
Winner, Christ	67	2,000	1,000	500	14.93	7.46
Circuit 3 Totals	2,991	\$67,150	\$43,132	\$37,901	14.42	12.67
Circuit 4 – Black Hills						
Black Hawk, Divine Shepherd	343	16,600	7,840	6,534	22.86	19.05
Creighton, Emmanuel	51	–	–	–	–	–
Custer, Our Redeemer	194	3,200	800	2,210	4.12	11.39
Deadwood, Grace	82	3,500	1,750	1,750	21.34	21.34
Hill City, Our Savior	27	1,500	1,500	1,000	55.56	37.04
Hot Springs, Bethesda	140	–	3,500	3,500	25.00	25.00
Rapid City, Bethlehem	445	30,362	15,181	14,194	34.11	31.90
Rapid City, Our Redeemer	139	2,700	1,955	1,885	14.06	13.56
Rapid City, Peace	500	22,000	11,720	13,552	23.44	27.10
Rapid City, Zion	605	30,000	16,500	13,500	27.27	22.31
Spearsfish, St Paul	318	30,000	16,236	42,000	51.06	132.08
Sturgis, Blessed Emmanuel	18	600	–	–	–	–
Wall, First	223	2,100	–	–	–	–
Circuit 4 Totals	3,085	\$142,562	\$76,982	\$100,125	24.95	32.46

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Circuit 5 – Mitchell						
Armour, Redeemer	198	8,000	3,000	4,000	15.15	20.20
Delmont, Zion	92	16,000	8,000	8,000	86.96	86.96
Dimock, Immanuel	155	15,000	10,228	10,442	65.99	67.37
Emery, St. Peter	57	–	3,513	2,218	61.63	38.91
Huron, Mount Calvary	802	70,000	29,193	19,951	36.40	24.88
Mitchell, Zion	543	30,850	15,426	15,486	28.41	28.52
Parkston, Faith ³	190	10,000	7,500	6,000	39.47	31.58
Plankinton, St. Paul	140	2,000	2,000	–	14.29	–
Tripp, Emmaus	49	–	1,250	1,250	25.51	25.51
White Lake, Trinity	118	8,000	5,600	4,550	47.46	38.56
Wessington Springs, Zion	75	–	–	–	–	–
Wolsey, St. John	233	–	6,524	5,836	28.00	25.05
Woonsocket, Mount Olive	11	–	–	–	–	–
Circuit 5 Totals	2,663	\$159,850	\$92,234	\$77,733	34.64	29.19
Circuit 6 – Freeman						
Alexandria, St. Martin	81	–	275	550	3.40	6.79
Canistota, Zion	228	–	2,344	1,633	10.28	7.16
Centerville, First English	65	2,000	1,130	725	17.38	11.15
Freeman, St. Paul	262	9,000	3,913	6,437	14.94	24.57
Hartford, Trinity	105	3,000	–	–	–	–
Howard, St. John	122	–	–	–	–	–
Hurley, Zion	31	2,750	–	740	–	23.87
Madison, Our Savior	206	3,600	1,800	1,800	8.74	8.74
Marion, Bethesda	59	2,000	–	–	–	–
Menno, Immanuel	63	–	3,760	2,268	59.68	36.00
Montrose, St. John	91	–	–	–	–	–
Parker, First English	29	2,500	–	5,000	–	172.41
Scotland, St. Paul	39	600	300	350	7.69	8.97
Spencer, Trinity	77	–	–	–	–	–
Tea, Risen Savior	116	11,470	2,012	4,797	17.34	41.35
Wentworth, St. Peter	184	7,750	3,875	3,229	21.06	17.55
Circuit 6 Totals	1,758	\$44,670	\$19,409	\$27,529	11.04	15.66
Circuit 7 – Sioux Falls						
Brandon, Blessed Redeemer	282	15,000	7,500	7,500	26.60	26.60
Sioux Falls, Christ	106	2,000	1,000	–	9.43	–
Sioux Falls, Faith	618	43,500	21,750	25,375	35.19	41.06
Sioux Falls, Lord of Life	150	–	6,252	6,294	41.68	41.96
Sioux Falls, Memorial	740	–	29,075	19,270	39.29	26.04
Sioux Falls, Our Redeemer	266	–	12,600	14,500	47.37	54.51
Sioux Falls, Resurrection	229	10,000	5,000	5,000	21.83	21.83
Sioux Falls, Trinity of The Deaf	35	–	–	–	–	–
Sioux Falls, Zion	652	49,000	18,000	30,000	27.61	46.01
Circuit 7 Totals	3,078	\$119,500	\$101,177	\$107,939	32.87	35.07
Circuit 8 – Yankton						
Alcester, Peace	105	–	2,078	1,713	19.79	16.31
Avon, Zion	199	5,000	2,580	2,793	12.96	14.04
Dakota Dunes, Holy Cross	179	25,750	8,629	9,225	48.21	51.54
Fairfax, Trinity	77	4,500	–	–	–	–
Springfield, Our Savior	26	100	–	–	–	–
Tyndall, St. John	128	2,600	–	–	–	–
Utica, Martinus	70	1,500	1,000	1,001	14.29	14.30
Vermillion, Concordia	91	10,000	6,000	5,040	65.93	55.38
Wagner, St. John	182	9,000	4,500	4,500	24.73	24.73
Yankton, St. John	1,113	56,400	27,917	22,083	25.08	19.84
Circuit 8 Totals	2,170	\$114,850	\$52,704	\$46,355	24.29	21.36
GRAND TOTALS	20,942	\$848,157	\$544,670	\$543,485	26.01	25.95

¹\$2,000 of Our Savior, Aberdeen, is for 2022 missions

²\$3,500 of St. John, Britton, is for 2022 missions

³\$2,500 of Faith, Parkston, mission intention was paid in 2022

Comm. Members: Communicant membership as of Oct. 10, 2022 per LCMS congregational statistics report



Plan to attend *Set Apart to Serve* VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Teacher Marli Ockander talks with a student about Bible memory work on March 15 at Sioux Falls Lutheran School.

The *Set Apart to Serve* (SAS) team is excited to announce a Synodwide virtual town hall on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1–2 p.m. CDT, to kick off the next stage of the LCMS church work recruitment initiative.

SAS is a collaborative effort across the Synod to equip congregations and church leaders in identifying, catechizing, encouraging and supporting boys, girls, men and women for ordained and commissioned church work vocations. The goal is to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, school and entity.

The town hall will include:

- ▶ A brief overview of SAS;
- ▶ A summary of what was learned during the SAS pilot program;
- ▶ A review of resources and tools to help LCMS congregations, schools and entities in raising the next generation of church workers; and
- ▶ An overview of next steps in implementing SAS in your congregation and school.

Please join the town hall on Sept. 27!

Learn more about *Set Apart to Serve* at lcms.org/sas or scan the QR code.



LWML SIOUX FALLS ZONE REPORT

The Sioux Falls Zone has been preparing for its Fall Rally, to be held Sept. 23 at Resurrection, Sioux Falls. Meanwhile, some of our women attended the 40th Biennial LWML Convention June 22–25 in Milwaukee and hosted a Mission Walk for convention offering #1. The offering raised \$54,922, which will go toward the 2023–2025 mission goal. The ladies also assembled hygiene kits for Gifts of Love.

Our zone has also had a strong presence at the Furniture Mission of South Dakota

in Sioux Falls. Our ladies painted toddler beds, stained tables and delivered 23 “Welcome Home” baskets to the Furniture Mission, along with serving in various other capacities as needed.

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tendance and conduct some of the break-out sessions.

There is much more information to come concerning the two P.A.S.S. It On workshops. For now, please know that they are free and last five to six hours. Plan now to attend! Visit sddlcms.org to register.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Scott Sailer

“Not ashamed of the Gospel”
Rom. 1:16; 16:25–27

Call Information

Rev. Andrew Jones, pastor of First, Concord, Calif., is prayerfully considering a call as sole pastor of Mount Olive, Watertown, July 23.

Rev. Matthew Nelson, pastor of Our Redeemer, Columbia Falls, Mont., declined a call as sole pastor of Grace, Deadwood, and Blessed Emmanuel, Sturgis, Aug. 6.

Rev. Lloyd Redhage, pastor of St. John, Britton, and St. Paul, Ferny, accepted a call as pastor of Immanuel, Charlotte, Iowa, Aug. 14.

Rev. Samuel Thole, assistant pastor of Peace, Brookings, declined a call as pastor to St. John-Hanover, Alta, Iowa, July 25.

Rev. Daniel Grimmer, senior pastor of Zion, Mitchell., is prayerfully considering a call to Our Redeemer/Immanuel/St. John’s, Herington, Kan., Aug. 3.

Rev. Clint Thorson, pastor of Our Savior, Madison, and St. John, Howard, is prayerfully considering a call to Hope, Maryville, Mo., July 30.

VACANCIES

Senior pastor

- Mount Calvary, Huron
- St. Paul, Aberdeen

Sole pastor

- Concordia, Immanuel/Cresbard, Wecota
- Grace, Blessed Emmanuel/Deadwood, Sturgis
- St. Paul, Trinity/Plankinton, White Lake
- Mount Olive, Watertown

Associate pastor

- Zion, Rapid City • St. John’s, Yankton