

BUSINESS MANAGER NEWS
Iowa District West Congregations' Mission Receipts



Fiscal Period Ending January 2026	
Anticipated Amount	\$113,000
Actual Receipts	\$175,704
Year-to-Date Receipts	
Anticipated Amount	\$1,356,000
Actual Receipts	\$1,393,023
Over (under) anticipated amount	\$37,023
Use of Mission Receipts	
Remitted to Synod (45%)	\$557,209
Balance for District programs & ministries	\$835,814
Total Receipts	\$1,393,023
Mission Receipts Compared with Last Year	
Fiscal period ending January 2026	\$1,393,023
Fiscal period ending January 2025	\$1,389,844
Over (under) last year	\$3,179

Partners in the Gospel - Monthly Mission Moment

We want to thank the many congregations and individuals who supported Iowa District West financially during our last fiscal year. God has truly blessed us with dedicated ministry partners! Thanks to your faithfulness, Christ Lutheran Church in Ankeny has continued to minister to that community, Lutheran schools have been supported, disaster relief has been provided to those in need, church workers have been cared for, and new Hispanic ministries have been launched. Thanks for helping us reach and surpass our goals!

In this issue of *The Messenger*, congregational unrestricted support is reported for the fiscal period February 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026. We promise to be very good stewards of the funds you have entrusted to the District for mission and ministry work. We are on a mission to support Christ's mission!

Stewardship Spark - by Ron Chewning - www.StewardshipAdvisors.org - 248.644.6150

BECAUSE WORK IS A GIFT FROM GOD, WE SHOULD BE JOYFUL, DO GOOD, AND TAKE PLEASURE IN OUR TOIL.

"...everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man" (Ecclesiastes 3:13)



If you haven't already completed your **Congregation Year-End Statistics** (as required by the Synod), please do so as soon as possible. The email was only sent to ONE leader in your congregation; please have ALL leaders check their inbox or junk folder and forward the email to the person in your congregation who is responsible for completing the report. When completed, return the report to the LCMS Office of Rosters and Statistics. Questions? Email rosters.stats@lcms.org or call 888-843-5267.

The Lutheran Witness subscription renewals are due March 1; price increases to \$31.10. If you have questions, contact CPH at 800.325.3040 and select Option 2. The District Lutheran Witness insert is online at www.idwlcms.org/publications.php or read web-exclusive stories at www.lcms.org/witness.

Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2025 will be expiring soon! If you are a Thrivent member, you may be eligible to participate and direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to your favorite ministry. Go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 before March 31 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Reminder: \$250 Community Impact Gift Cards are also available (two per member per year).

Concordia Plans Group Term Life Insurance - Congregations should have received the quarterly Group-Term Life Insurance (GTLI) Reports. The February report includes all workers enrolled in the Concordia Disability & Survivor Plan (CDSP). Reports generated in May, August and November will only include workers employed and enrolled after the initial report was prepared. The additional tax applies to those workers who have potential death benefits in excess of \$50,000 (should the worker die within the current tax year) and the lump sum death benefit for enrolled dependents. The \$50,000 exclusion allowed by the IRS for the workers' potential death benefit does not apply to the dependent death benefit. Calculations for the cost of group-term life insurance are based on the 2026 annual salary (the salary figure the worker earned on January 1; the information applies to the 2026 tax year), worker's age at the end of the current tax year, number of dependents, and Social Security participation. More information about Group-Term Life Insurance can be found in the Congregational Treasurer's Manual, section 4.600. The information can be found online at www.lcms.org and click on Chapter 4 (page 12) or visit ConcordiaPlans.org/GTL.

Thank You, Lutheran Church Extension Fund!

LCEF is a strong contributor to districts and Synod. They typically contribute over \$1 million every year to the LCMS. Iowa District West recently received \$54,900 in operating results to be able to support items typically not supported in the budget. In the past, funds have provided significant seed money for new missions and grants, rostered worker resources, congregation/school resources, youth gathering initiatives, and much more.

Thank You, Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company

Ed Hansen, the local Iowa agency manager, recently presented \$15,000 to the District as part of their Ministry Partner Program. Nearly \$244,000 has been donated by the insurance company since 2015 which is used for numerous programs, conventions, and events to support congregations. Thank you, Brotherhood Mutual! Check out Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company's [website](http://www.brotherhoodmutual.com) for a plethora of resources. Go to www.brotherhoodmutual.com and click on "Resources" at the top of the page.

Concordia Plan Services (CPS) Workshop – Focusing on Retirement

Need help planning for retirement? Concordia Plans is hosting a pre-retirement workshop for workers in Iowa on Monday, May 18, from 9 am – 12:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Le Mars. Workers enrolled in the Concordia Retirement Plan pension, especially those age 50 or older who are thinking about retirement, are encouraged to attend. Spouses are also encouraged to attend. Topics covered include basic retirement finances, sources of retirement income, health care in retirement, tools and resources, and more. See poster for complete details.

CPS launched an administrative basics website for new employer benefits administrators and treasurers. Check out the helpful **Admin Toolkit** and resources [online](http://www.concordiaplans.org/MAP). Need help with payroll? Go to: www.concordiaplans.org/MAP.

Congregation Mission Support – Unrestricted Budget Receipts

February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026

<u>CIRCUIT</u>	<u>CONGREGATION</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COMM.</u>	<u>PLEDGE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>PER COMM.</u>
ADAIR	HOLY CROSS	ANITA	117	\$0	0.00	\$0.00
	ZION	ATLANTIC	285	\$0	10,500.00	\$36.84
	ST JOHN	AUDUBON	62	\$1,200	1,200.00	\$19.35
	ST JOHN	CASEY	118	\$660	660.00	\$5.59
	ZION	DEXTER	162	\$200	0.00	\$0.00
	IMMANUEL	GREENFIELD	129	\$7,000	7,000.00	\$54.26
	IMMANUEL	GUTHRIE CENTER	141	\$5,500	5,000.04	\$35.46
	ST THOMAS	PANORA	156	\$0	0.00	\$0.00
	FIRST	WIOTA	92	\$2,600	3,238.97	\$35.21
	FAITH	WINTERSET	38	\$1,200	1,200.00	\$31.58
					28,799.01	
	ALGONA	TRINITY	ALGONA	1061	\$0	62,000.00
ZION		AYRSHIRE	25	\$0	3,000.00	\$120.00
ST JOHN		BURT	186	\$4,000	4,020.00	\$21.61
ST LUKE		CYLINDER	86	\$4,500	4,855.95	\$56.46
ST PAUL		EMMETSBURG	173	\$3,000	3,000.00	\$17.34
ST JOHN		FENTON	120	\$0	4,000.00	\$33.33
ST JOHN		GARNER	165	\$2,000	2,171.00	\$13.16
ST PAUL		GARNER	342	\$24,000	24,000.00	\$70.18
IMMANUEL		LIVERMORE	73	\$0	2,500.00	\$34.25
IMMANUEL		LONE ROCK	116	\$10,000	13,378.00	\$115.33
ZION		LUVERNE	99	\$0	1,000.00	\$10.10
TRINITY		MALLARD	100	\$24,000	24,000.00	\$240.00
OUR SAVIOR		SWEA CITY	25	\$1,600	1,600.00	\$64.00
PEACE		WEST BEND	114	\$4,500	4,500.00	\$39.47
ST PAUL		WHITTEMORE	80	\$0	0.00	\$0.00
					154,024.95	
BOONE	MEMORIAL	AMES	688	\$30,000	29,900.00	\$43.46
	ST PAUL	AMES	343	\$0	35,000.00	\$102.04
	ST PAUL	BOONE	152	\$2,000	2,896.25	\$19.05
	TRINITY	BOONE	540	\$0	8,275.62	\$15.33
	CHRIST	BOUTON/PERRY	176	\$0	16,667.00	\$94.70
	TRINITY	JEFFERSON	391	\$10,000	10,000.00	\$25.58
	ZION	OGDEN	219	\$13,000	17,119.60	\$78.17
	TRINITY	PERRY	54	\$1,000	1,000.00	\$18.52
					120,858.47	
CARROLL	ZION	ARCADIA	396	\$6,000	6,000.00	\$15.15
	ST PAUL	CARROLL	327	\$30,189	26,684.32	\$81.60
	TRINITY	COON RAPIDS	74	\$1,000	1,000.00	\$13.51
	PEACE	GLIDDEN	99	\$4,225	4,611.30	\$46.58
	IMMANUEL	LIDDERDALE	37	\$3,500	3,680.00	\$99.46
	TRINITY	MANILLA	166	\$1,000	800.00	\$4.82
	ZION	MANNING	571	\$12,000	12,000.00	\$21.02
				54,775.62		
CHEROKEE	ST PAUL	AURELIA	258	\$30,000	24,085.12	\$93.35
	TRINITY	CHEROKEE	384	\$15,000	15,000.00	\$39.06
	PEACE	MARCUS	248	\$8,000	7,090.00	\$28.59
	TRINITY	MARCUS	84	\$6,000	6,000.00	\$71.43
	ST JOHN	PAULLINA	208	\$1,000	1,000.00	\$4.81
	ZION	PAULLINA	360	\$0	1,270.50	\$3.53
	PILGRIM	QUIMBY	71	\$2,000	2,000.00	\$28.17
	BETHEL	SUTHERLAND	275	\$7,000	7,000.00	\$25.45
					63,445.62	
COUNCIL BLUFFS	FAITH	COUNCIL BLUFFS	148	\$0	2,680.00	\$18.11
	ST PAUL	COUNCIL BLUFFS	552	\$0	22,500.00	\$40.76
	TIMOTHY	COUNCIL BLUFFS	335	\$22,000	21,404.24	\$63.89
	TRINITY	GLENWOOD	352	\$0	5,066.70	\$14.39
	ST JOHN	HASTINGS	62	\$6,500	6,500.00	\$104.84
	ST JOHN	HONEY CREEK	245	\$15,000	15,000.00	\$61.22
	IMMANUEL	LOGAN	97	\$1,000	1,000.00	\$10.31

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	FIRST	MISSOURI VALLEY	127	\$12,000	12,000.00	\$94.49
	ST PAUL	OAKLAND	62	\$0	1,600.00	\$25.81
	TRINITY	PERSIA	33	\$0	3,000.00	\$90.91
	OUR SAVIOR	WALNUT	40	\$0	2,000.00	\$50.00
					92,750.94	
DENISON	FAITH	DELOIT	41	\$2,500	2,500.00	\$60.98
	AMIGOS EN CRISTO	DENISON	17	\$0	0.00	\$0.00
	OUR SAVIOR	DENISON	824	\$20,000	18,333.37	\$22.25
	ZION	DENISON	1124	\$0	5,000.00	\$4.45
	BETHLEHEM	DOW CITY	207	\$5,500	4,755.00	\$22.97
	ST JOHN	KIRON	95	\$5,000	5,000.00	\$52.63
	IMMANUEL	SCHLESWIG	513	\$17,625	17,625.00	\$34.36
	CHRIST	DENISON	65	\$5,000	1,250.00	\$19.23
					54,463.37	
DES MOINES EAST	CHRIST THE KING	ALTOONA	119	6,900.00	8,712.04	\$73.21
	ST PAUL	ANKENY	598	\$18,000	18,000.00	\$30.10
	CHRIST	ANKENY	114	\$5,000	5,833.34	\$51.17
	HOLY CROSS	CARLISLE	132	\$0	500.00	\$3.79
	CALVARY	DES MOINES	11	\$0	0.00	\$0.00
	HOPE	DES MOINES	316	\$0	2,000.00	\$6.33
	OUR SAVIOUR	DES MOINES	102	\$2,640	2,640.00	\$25.88
	PEACE	DES MOINES	199	\$7,488	7,638.00	\$38.38
	MT CALVARY	INDIANOLA	442	17,200.00	16,450.00	\$37.22
					61,773.38	
DES MOINES WEST	FAITH	ADEL	302	\$17,200	11,000.00	\$36.42
	LIVING FAITH	CLIVE	297	\$0	0.00	\$0.00
	ASIAN	DES MOINES	13	\$0	0.00	\$0.00
	MT OLIVE	DES MOINES	165	\$0	1,000.00	\$6.06
	SUDANESE	DES MOINES	50	\$0	0.00	\$0.00
	TRINITY	DES MOINES	108	\$9,600	10,270.00	\$95.09
	MESSIAH	JOHNSTON	96	\$1,200	1,200.00	\$12.50
	BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR	POLK CITY	335	\$8,400	8,500.00	\$25.37
	GLORIA DEI	URBANDALE	2436	\$72,000	72,000.00	\$29.56
	TRINITY	VAN METER	137	\$7,500	7,500.00	\$54.74
	SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY	WDM	518	\$5,000	5,000.04	\$9.65
					116,470.04	
FORT DODGE	MT CALVARY	EAGLE GROVE	58	\$2,200	4,800.00	\$82.76
	HOLY TRINITY	FARNHAMVILLE	194	\$9,000	9,000.00	\$46.39
	GOOD SHEPHERD	FORT DODGE	532	\$20,000	20,166.73	\$37.91
	PRINCE OF PEACE	FORT DODGE	156	\$1,500	1,620.50	\$10.39
	ST PAUL	FORT DODGE	758	\$14,544	14,544.00	\$19.19
	TRINITY	FORT DODGE	58	\$4,500	6,499.50	\$112.06
	ZION	HUMBOLDT	902	\$0	10,000.00	\$11.09
	TRINITY	KNIERIM	113	\$1,000	1,500.00	\$13.27
	IMMANUEL	POMEROY	41	\$6,000	6,000.00	\$146.34
	IMMANUEL	ROCKWELL CITY	209	\$4,000	4,000.00	\$19.14
	IMMANUEL	ROWAN	30	\$1,200	1,289.75	\$42.99
	ST PAUL	WEBSTER CITY	293	\$6,000	9,500.00	\$32.42
					88,920.48	
LEMARS	TRINITY	HAWARDEN	262	\$0	10,016.87	\$38.23
	TRINITY	HINTON	222	\$5,000	3,305.00	\$14.89
	ST JOHN	IRETON	24	\$7,000	7,000.00	\$291.67
	ST PAUL	IRETON	271	\$9,000	9,000.00	\$33.21
	FIRST	KINGSLEY	164	\$7,000	6,841.68	\$41.72
	GRACE	LEMARS	300	\$5,500	4,124.97	\$13.75
	FAITH	ORANGE CITY	193	\$17,500	17,037.00	\$88.27
	CHRIST	REMSEN	187	\$2,500	3,340.00	\$17.86
					60,665.52	
MAPLETON	TRINITY	ANTHON	99	\$0	470.00	\$4.75
	ST JOHN	BATTLE CREEK	122	\$500	700.00	\$5.74
	ST PAUL	BATTLE CREEK	88	\$0	1,322.73	\$15.03
	IMMANUEL	CHARTER OAK	47	\$2,500	2,500.00	\$53.19
	ST JOHN	CHARTER OAK	400	\$10,800	10,800.00	\$27.00
	ST PAUL	CHARTER OAK	79	\$6,000	9,000.00	\$113.92

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	GRACE	CORRECTIONVILLE	40	\$0	338.18	\$8.45
	ST PAUL	IDA GROVE	702	\$0	16,360.00	\$23.30
	ST MATTHEW	MAPLETON	296	\$1,000	1,000.00	\$3.38
	ST PAUL	UTE	272	\$4,000	3,555.00	\$13.07
					46,045.91	
SAC CITY	ZION	AUBURN	31	\$0	440.00	\$14.19
	FAITH	EARLY	43	\$4,128	4,138.00	\$96.23
	PILGRIM	LAKE CITY	166	\$9,000	11,070.00	\$66.69
	EMMANUEL	LAKE VIEW	297	\$15,000	15,000.00	\$50.51
	TRINITY	ODEBOLT	217	\$16,641	17,010.98	\$78.39
	ST PAUL	SAC CITY	318	\$12,000	12,000.00	\$37.74
	ST PETER	SAC CITY	36	\$0	3,700.00	\$102.78
	ST PAUL	SCHALLER	225	\$18,000	19,200.00	\$85.33
	PEACE	WALL LAKE	413	\$0	8,000.00	\$19.37
					90,558.98	
SIOUX CITY	ST JOHN	CLIMBING HILL	50	\$0	600.00	\$12.00
	BETHEL	LAWTON	106	\$8,000	8,000.00	\$75.47
	SHEPHERD OF PEACE	SGT BLUFF	91	\$5,000	5,000.00	\$54.95
	BETHANY	SIOUX CITY	51	\$1,200	1,200.00	\$23.53
	CALVARY	SIOUX CITY	619	\$0	24,838.86	\$40.13
	FAITH	SIOUX CITY	208	\$800	800.00	\$3.85
	REDEEMER	SIOUX CITY	948	\$0	54,583.33	\$57.58
	ST PAUL	SIOUX CITY	680	\$0	6,694.50	\$9.84
					101,716.69	
SOUTHWEST	ST TIMOTHY	BEDFORD	8	\$0	0.00	\$0.00
	IMMANUEL	CLARINDA	244	\$5,000	5,000.00	\$20.49
	ST JOHN	CLARINDA	439	\$0	8,518.00	\$19.40
	ST PAUL	CLARINDA	173	\$2,500	2,500.00	\$14.45
	REDEEMER	CORNING	55	\$2,000	2,000.00	\$36.36
	TRINITY	CRESTON/MT AYR	229	\$0	6,000.00	\$26.20
	OUR SAVIOR	LEON	46	\$0	600.00	\$13.04
	IMMANUEL	OSCEOLA	103	\$2,360	2,217.16	\$21.53
	TRINITY	SHENANDOAH	90	\$0	4,562.00	\$50.69
	MT CALVARY	VILLISCA	75	\$0	2,400.00	\$32.00
					33,797.16	
SPENCER	IMMANUEL	ESTHERVILLE	235	\$4,050	3,875.70	\$16.49
	ST PAUL	HARTLEY	305	\$29,820	29,820.00	\$97.77
	CONCORDIA	LAKE PARK	140	\$70	770.00	\$5.50
	ENGLISH	LARCHWOOD	20	\$5,400	5,400.00	\$270.00
	ST JOHN	MAY CITY	84	\$4,000	4,000.00	\$47.62
	ST PETER	OCHAYEDAN	123	\$4,800	4,400.00	\$35.77
	ZION	OCHAYEDAN	68	\$6,000	6,400.00	\$94.12
	PEACE	ROCK RAPIDS	272	\$5,500	5,458.32	\$20.07
	ST JOHN	SANBORN	109	\$8,500	8,510.00	\$78.07
	OUR SAVIOR	SHELDON	22	\$800	800.00	\$36.36
	CHRIST THE KING	SPENCER	97	\$0	1,000.00	\$10.31
	FIRST ENGLISH	SPENCER	632	\$34,000	37,460.54	\$59.27
	IMMANUEL	SPIRIT LAKE	732	\$39,000	38,866.67	\$53.10
	IMMANUEL	TERRIL	125	\$5,000	6,070.00	\$48.56
					152,831.23	
STORM LAKE	ST JOHN	ALTA	193	\$12,800	13,405.66	\$69.46
	ST PAUL	ALTA	243	\$4,500	1,825.00	\$7.51
	ST JOHN	GALVA	324	\$18,000	18,000.00	\$55.56
	ST PETER	NEWELL	118	\$10,000	10,000.00	\$84.75
	GRACE	STORM LAKE	218	\$0	10,000.00	\$45.87
	ST JOHN	STORM LAKE	262	\$5,000	8,154.14	\$31.12
	ZION	STORM LAKE	242	\$0	9,286.16	\$38.37
					70,670.96	
	Grand total				1,392,568.33	



Pre-Retirement Workshop



Thinking about retirement?

Attend a live pre-retirement workshop sponsored by Concordia Plans.

Understanding the retirement process can be complex, so Iowa District West and financial educators Amy Klein from Concordia Plans are hosting a pre-retirement workshop for individuals serving in LCMS ministries. **Who should attend?** Workers enrolled in the Concordia Retirement Plan pension, especially those age 50 or older who are thinking about retirement. Spouses are strongly encouraged to attend also.

Monday, May 18, 2026

9 am - 12:30 pm

Grace Lutheran Church

1430 7th Ave SE
Le Mars

All materials, beverages, snack, and a light lunch will be provided.

Please register by Monday, May 11

Topics include:

- Envisioning Your Retirement
- Basic Retirement Finances
- Sources of Retirement Income
 - Pension
 - Social Security
 - Savings
- Health Care in Retirement
- Legacy Plans

To register, email the following information to MoneyMatters@ConcordiaPlans.org: your name, phone number, spouse's name (if attending), and any special dietary. Questions, contact Roger Curtis at Roger@IowaDistrictWest.org or 515.576.7666.