

NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER
Iowa District West Congregation's Mission Receipts



<u>For the month ending April 2009</u>	
Anticipated Amount	\$154,167
Actual Receipts	\$194,373
<u>Fiscal Year-to-date receipts</u>	
Anticipated Amount	\$462,500
Actual Receipts	\$452,157
Over (under) anticipated amount	\$(10,343)
<u>Use of Mission Receipts</u>	
Remitted to Synod (42%)	\$ 189,906
Balance for District programs/operations	\$ <u>262,251</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 452,157
<u>Mission Receipts Compared With Last Year</u>	
Year-to-date 2009	\$ 452,157
Year-to-date 2008	\$ <u>498,747</u>
Over (under) last year	\$ (46,590)

Lutheran Church Extension Fund

The mission of Lutheran Church Extension Fund is to provide opportunity to make funds and services available in support of the Great Commission through The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

As of April 2009, 1088 investments in Iowa District West totaled \$30,097,290 Those investments are providing opportunity for 54 loans totaling \$12,409,701 plus commitments totaling \$1,003,206. LCEF puts invested dollars to work in mission and ministry right here in Iowa District West.

If you are interested in investing in the ministry of LCEF or if you have questions on the loans and services provided to our congregations, please contact Carole White.
Come, Join the Ministry!

Pastors and Church Secretaries: How about including a brief note about LCEF in your church newsletter or bulletin? Please use the following short paragraph—thank you!



Vacationing? Try electronic offering with Joyful Response. In thanksgiving for all we've been given, we joyfully give back to our Lord in offering. When you're on vacation this summer, don't forget your offering. LCEF's Joyful Response will help you give automatically and directly from your checking, savings, or LCEF StewardAccount - whether you are home or away. For more information, contact Carole White at 877.439.5233 or carole.white@lcef.org



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Stewardship Spark / Monthly Money Moment

Did you know that your congregational mission dollars support the District budget in a variety of mission and ministry areas? The 2009 budget includes \$170,034 for human care/outreach. This includes \$125,000 for the chaplaincy ministry expenses (for Rev. James Brammeier in Des Moines and Rev. Steven Benson in Sioux City), \$32,190 for Lutheran Family Service, and the balance for other human care, rural, and older adult ministries.

Congregational Quarterly Financial Report

Included in *The Monthly* is the report for the first quarter of the District fiscal period congregational support budget from February 1-April 30, 2009. Review your church mission pledge to make sure your budget receipts are up to date. This report includes only District/Synod receipts and no restricted missionary support or other program income. Your mission dollars enable us to “Connect, Resource, and Partner” with every congregation.



District Secretarial Administrative Assistants Fall Conference

Mark your calendar for the District Secretarial/Administrative Professionals Conference on Tuesday, **September 22** (the 4th Tuesday) at First English, Spencer from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. We are thrilled that Jenny Herrick has agreed to spend the day celebrating your position/ministry as church secretary. Jenny is a nationally known Christian motivational humorist/clown/author. To learn more about Jenny, go to www.allkiddingaside.biz. Jenny will also be doing a free entertainment night for all church secretaries and the community Monday evening at the Clay County Regional Event Center.

For only \$35 (\$30 if registered by September 1) you will receive conference materials, speaker's book, breakfast, lunch, and much more. Thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their support.

Here is what leaders are saying about the conference: “We attend many conferences and have heard more speakers than we care to remember. This was truly a wonderful day. People left inspired, informed, and encouraged...there were only positive comments” and “this conference addresses a much overlooked and vital area of local church ministry. We had a wonderful day and will schedule a second conference.”

Plan now to attend this terrific conference! Information will be available in early July.

Labor Law Posters

Do you have to purchase posters to comply with federal and state laws? Absolutely not. Many companies like G. Neil Compliance Center or the Iowa Labor Law Poster Service have been sending solicitations that look official. The mailing states their company can take the work out of labor laws and protect your company from fines up to \$17,000. They encourage you to purchase their expensive laminated posters. The truth is your church should display the appropriate labor law posters, but you do not have to purchase them from a private company since they are available free online. The summary of government agencies is listed on the District Web site. Posters will be available at the District Convention (while supplies last).

Housing Allowance

As mid-year approaches, now is a good time to review the 2009 housing or parsonage allowance designated for all ministers of the Gospel. If an allowance designated for 2009 is below the actual housing expenses, the church council should increase the housing allowance for the remainder of the year. Clergy who own their own homes can never claim a housing allowance greater than the fair market value of the furnished home. Complete details are in chapter 2 of the Congregational Treasurer Manual (www.lcms.org/ctm).

Software for Sale

If your church is looking for discounted software, we may be able to help. While supplies last, we have Microsoft Office (Access, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Publisher, Word) software available. The charity license agreement rate is only \$110 and \$75 for additional licenses. The software is only for ministry work.

Iowa District West Budget Receipts

February 1, 2009 – April 31, 2009

Circuit	Congregation	Town	Communicants	Pledge	Actual Amount	Per Comm
ADAIR	FAITH	WINTERSET	23	600.00	300.00	13.04
	FIRST	WIOTA	249	2,500.00	683.71	2.75
	HOLY CROSS	ANITA	140	0.00	0.00	0.00
	IMMANUEL	ADAIR	210	4,000.00	1,037.87	4.94
	IMMANUEL	GREENFIELD	187	4,800.00	1,600.00	8.56
	IMMANUEL	GUTHRIE CENTER	219	5,000.00	1,500.00	6.85
	ST JOHN	CASEY	134	6,500.00	0.00	0.00
	ST. JOHN	ADAIR	110	2,000.00	419.98	3.82
	ST. THOMAS	PANORA	119	1,200.00	300.00	2.52
	ZION	ATLANTIC	564	17,000.00	5,666.00	10.05
	ZION	DEXTER	191	6,000.00	1,431.00	7.49
Total				49,600.00	12,938.56	
ALGONA	IMMANUEL	LONE ROCK	129	10,000.00	1,185.00	9.19
	OUR SAVIOR	SWEA CITY	39	0.00	0.00	0.00
	PEACE	WEST BEND	181	16,500.00	9,250.28	51.11
	ST JOHN	BURT	270	6,000.00	1,079.25	4.00
	ST JOHN	FENTON	273	8,000.00	2,800.00	10.26
	ST JOHN	GARNER	187	7,200.00	2,400.00	12.83
	ST LUKE	CYLINDER	102	4,638.00	1,163.00	11.40
	ST PAUL	EMMETSBURG	282	17,250.00	3,937.50	13.96
	ST PAUL	GARNER	607	23,073.00	5,769.00	9.50
	ST PAUL	WHITTEMORE	169	8,004.00	1,334.00	7.89
	TRINITY	ALGONA	882	55,000.00	13,900.00	15.76
	TRINITY	MALLARD	192	29,400.00	7,350.00	38.28
	ZION	AYRSHIRE	43	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total				190,065.00	50,168.03	
BOONE	CHRIST	BOUTON	127	9,000.00	2,250.00	17.72
	MEMORIAL	AMES	924	39,000.00	9,499.98	10.28
	ST PAUL	AMES	402	23,040.00	8,000.00	19.90
	ST. PAUL	BOONE	200	11,000.00	1,043.00	5.22
	TRINITY	BOONE	630	8,000.00	2,595.00	4.12
	TRINITY	DAYTON	69	4,500.00	800.00	11.59
	TRINITY	JEFFERSON	441	24,000.00	6,000.00	13.61
	TRINITY	PERRY	121	5,500.00	0.00	0.00
	ZION	OGDEN	362	16,000.00	4,085.50	11.29
Total				140,040.00	34,273.48	
CARROLL	IMMANUEL	LIDDERDALE	115	8,000.00	1,850.00	16.09
	PEACE	GLIDDEN	265	7,005.00	1,902.48	7.18
	ST PAUL	CARROLL	568	22,230.00	5,284.04	9.30
	ST. JOHN	AUDUBON	256	126.00	0.00	0.00
	TRINITY	COON RAPIDS	118	0.00	0.00	0.00
	ZION	ARCADIA	414	10,000.00	3,333.36	8.05
	ZION	MANNING	625	31,500.00	7,875.00	12.60
Total				78,861.00	20,244.88	
CHEROKEE	BETHEL	SUTHERLAND	237	8,500.00	1,416.00	5.97
	PEACE	MARCUS	245	12,500.00	3,491.00	14.25
	PILGRIM	QUIMBY	148	2,500.00	1,000.00	6.76
	ST JOHN	PAULLINA	310	7,000.00	1,312.50	4.23
	ST. PAUL	AURELIA	311	32,000.00	6,463.00	20.78
	TRINITY	CHEROKEE	560	15,000.00	5,110.00	9.13
	TRINITY	MARCUS	132	2,100.00	1,875.00	14.20
	ZION	PAULLINA	556	12,000.00	3,617.80	6.51
Total				91,600.00	24,285.30	
COUNCIL BLUFFS	FAITH	COUNCIL BLUFFS	458	0.00	0.00	0.00
	FIRST	MISSOURI VALLEY	282	13,200.00	0.00	0.00
	IMMANUEL	LOGAN	201	10,200.00	1,749.99	8.71
	OUR SAVIOR	WALNUT	78	2,000.00	166.71	2.14
	PEACE	HARLAN	63	1,000.00	333.36	5.29
	ST. JOHN	HONEY CREEK	253	8,250.00	0.00	0.00
	ST. PAUL	COUNCIL BLUFFS	524	16,966.00	4,241.53	8.09
	ST. PAUL	OAKLAND	74	1,800.00	0.00	0.00
	TIMOTHY	COUNCIL BLUFFS	424	23,069.00	6,215.70	14.66
	TRINITY	GLENWOOD	311	5,785.00	502.00	1.61
	TRINITY	PERSIA	98	3,000.00	975.00	9.95
Total				85,270.00	14,184.29	

DENISON	BETHLEHEM	DOW CITY	213	6,601.00	0.00	0.00
	FAITH	DELOIT	63	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
	IGLESIA	DENISON	9	1,250.00	200.00	22.22
	IMMANUEL	SCHLESWIG	559	23,500.00	4,406.25	7.88
	OUR SAVIOR	DENISON	625	15,000.00	3,750.00	6.00
	ST JOHN	BUCK GROVE	65	0.00	0.00	0.00
	ST JOHN	KIRON	61	5,000.00	1,000.00	16.39
	TRINITY	MANILLA	255	3,000.00	600.00	2.35
	ZION	DENISON	1907	45,000.00	8,072.00	4.23
Total			101,351.00	18,028.25		
DES MOINES EAST	CALVARY	DES MOINES	126	4,800.00	1,440.00	11.43
	CHRIST THE KING	ALTOONA	97	6,000.00	387.08	3.99
	HOLY CROSS	CARLISLE	127	6,000.00	1,500.00	11.81
	HOPE	DES MOINES	594	20,400.00	6,800.00	11.45
	MT CALVARY	INDIANOLA	361	12,500.00	4,168.00	11.55
	OUR SAVIOUR	DES MOINES	166	7,800.00	2,600.00	15.66
	PEACE	DES MOINES	287	5,200.00	1,565.00	5.45
	ST PAUL	ANKENY	502	26,400.00	8,800.00	17.53
	Total			89,100.00	27,260.08	
DES MOINES WEST	SUDANESE	DES MOINES	35	500.00	0.00	0.00
	ASIAN	DES MOINES	49	0.00	0.00	0.00
	BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR	POLK CITY	265	3,600.00	900.00	3.40
	CHRIST OUR SAVIOR	NORWALK	147	6,260.00	1,602.67	10.90
	FAITH	ADEL	419	29,520.00	7,860.00	18.76
	GLORIA DEI	URBANDALE	1818	70,000.00	16,260.00	8.94
	LIVING FAITH	CLIVE	234	0.00	0.00	0.00
	MESSIAH	JOHNSTON	49	10,000.00	1,922.26	39.23
	MT OLIVE	DES MOINES	433	10,800.00	2,700.00	6.24
	SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY	WDM	509	11,500.00	2,136.61	4.20
	TRINITY	DES MOINES	400	12,000.00	3,750.00	9.38
	TRINITY	VAN METER	147	7,500.00	220.00	1.50
	Total			161,180.00	37,351.54	
FORT DODGE	GOOD SHEPHERD	FORT DODGE	686	20,000.00	4,999.98	7.29
	IMMANUEL	ROWAN	58	120.00	0.00	0.00
	MT CALVARY	EAGLE GROVE	50	900.00	0.00	0.00
	PRINCE OF PEACE	FORT DODGE	228	11,000.00	3,162.25	13.87
	ST JOHN	VINCENT	148	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
	ST PAUL	FORT DODGE	1186	53,000.00	17,804.17	15.01
	ST PAUL	WEBSTER CITY	334	10,000.00	2,500.03	7.49
	ST PETER	WOOLSTOCK	38	700.00	0.00	0.00
	Total			98,720.00	28,466.43	
HUMBOLDT	FIRST	FONDA	29	400.00	100.00	3.45
	HOLY TRINITY	FARNHAMVILLE	264	11,000.00	0.00	0.00
	IMMANUEL	LIVERMORE	100	5,000.00	1,315.00	13.15
	ZION	LIVERNE	116	7,600.00	1,900.00	16.38
	IMMANUEL	POMEROY	138	6,000.00	1,500.00	10.87
	IMMANUEL	ROCKWELL CITY	176	6,500.00	1,625.01	9.23
	TRINITY	FORT DODGE	109	6,375.00	1,587.75	14.57
	TRINITY	KNIERIM	134	3,000.00	750.00	5.60
	ZION	HUMBOLDT	685	25,000.00	8,333.36	12.17
Total			63,275.00	15,211.12		
LE MARS	CHRIST	REMSEN	157	4,000.00	401.00	2.55
	FAITH	ORANGE CITY	308	16,000.00	3,999.99	12.99
	FIRST	KINGSLEY	386	8,500.00	491.00	1.27
	GRACE	LEMARS	607	12,000.00	6,000.00	9.88
	ST JOHN	IRETON	40	8,000.00	3,748.00	93.70
	ST PAUL	IRETON	301	10,000.00	2,500.00	8.31
	TRINITY	HAWARDEN	498	13,320.00	4,206.44	8.45
	TRINITY	HINTON	306	7,000.00	2,632.00	8.60
	Total			78,820.00	23,978.43	
MAPLETON	GRACE	CORRECTIONVILLE	59	1,000.00	354.95	6.02
	IMMANUEL	CHARTER OAK	76	4,600.00	0.00	0.00
	ST JOHN	BATTLE CREEK	361	4,000.00	2,333.36	6.46
	ST JOHN	CHARTER OAK	394	10,000.00	1,846.48	4.69
	ST LUKE	RICKETTS	103	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
	ST MATTHEW	MAPLETON	450	13,500.00	3,750.00	8.33
	ST PAUL	BATTLE CREEK	94	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
	ST PAUL	CHARTER OAK	84	6,000.00	1,650.00	19.64
	ST PAUL	IDA GROVE	935	20,000.00	5,415.01	5.79
	ST PAUL	UTE	296	15,000.00	2,946.75	9.96
	TRINITY	ANTHON	120	0.00	494.00	4.12
	Total			78,600.00	18,790.55	

Circuit	Congregation	Town	Communicants	Pledge	Actual Amount	Per Comm
NORTHWEST	ENGLISH	LARCHWOOD	72	5,100.00	1,275.00	17.71
	OUR SAVIOR	SHELDON	46	600.00	150.00	3.26
	PEACE	ROCK RAPIDS	305	18,000.00	1,250.01	4.10
	ST JOHN	MAY CITY	129	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
	ST JOHN	SANBORN	224	10,000.00	3,360.00	15.00
	ST PAUL	HARTLEY	410	28,000.00	9,200.00	22.44
	ST PETER	OCHEYEDAN	197	8,000.00	988.00	5.02
	ZION	OCHEYEDAN	83	6,000.00	1,640.00	19.76
Total				80,700.00	17,863.01	
SAC CITY	EMMANUEL	LAKE VIEW	350	13,500.00	3,375.00	9.64
	FAITH	EARLY	126	4,000.00	1,122.00	8.90
	PEACE	WALL LAKE	442	14,000.00	3,500.00	7.92
	PILGRIM	LAKE CITY	261	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
	ST PAUL	SAC CITY	508	25,000.00	6,375.00	12.55
	ST PAUL	SCHALLER	167	9,600.00	2,400.00	14.37
	ST PETER	SAC CITY	45	2,250.00	0.00	0.00
	TRINITY	ODEBOLT	280	14,500.00	4,338.10	15.49
ZION	AUBURN	87	3,500.00	996.00	11.45	
Total				96,350.00	22,106.10	
SIoux CITY	BETHANY	SIoux CITY	41	4,090.00	610.00	14.88
	BETHEL	LAWTON	277	5,000.00	205.60	0.74
	CALVARY	SIoux CITY	633	25,306.00	4,887.91	7.72
	CONCORDIA	SIoux CITY	92	700.00	0.00	0.00
	FAITH	SIoux CITY	401	6,000.00	650.00	1.62
	REDEEMER	SIoux CITY	970	60,000.00	15,000.00	15.46
	SHEPHERD OF PEACE	SGT BLUFF	385	6,000.00	1,000.00	2.60
	ST JOHN	CLIMBING HILL	73	2,500.00	516.40	7.07
	ST PAUL	SIoux CITY	754	45,000.00	8,924.11	11.84
Total				154,596.00	31,794.02	
SOUTHWEST	FIRST	MT AYR	40	600.00	0.00	0.00
	IMMANUEL	CLARINDA	190	4,500.00	1,263.25	6.65
	IMMANUEL	OSCEOLA	119	2,500.00	644.00	5.41
	MT CALVARY	VILLISCA	101	2,400.00	750.00	7.43
	OUR SAVIOR	LEON	60	240.00	60.00	1.00
	OUR SAVIOR	RED OAK	122	0.00	0.00	0.00
	OUR SAVIOR	SIDNEY	63	300.00	75.00	1.19
	REDEEMER	CORNING	138	2,400.00	800.00	5.80
	ST JOHN	CLARINDA	643	23,000.00	5,749.98	8.94
	ST JOHN	HASTINGS	124	3,500.00	600.00	4.84
	ST PAUL	CLARINDA	198	4,500.00	1,434.00	7.24
	ST TIMOTHY	BEDFORD	18	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TRINITY	CRESTON	234	5,500.00	1,385.00	5.92
	TRINITY	SHENANDOAH	145	8,000.00	1,267.20	8.74
Total				57,440.00	14,028.43	
SPENCER	CHRIST THE KING	SPENCER	305	1,216.00	304.66	1.00
	CONCORDIA	LAKE PARK	181	1,200.00	995.00	5.50
	FIRST ENGLISH	SPENCER	828	30,732.00	8,409.65	10.16
	IMMANUEL	ESTHERVILLE	282	7,800.00	2,025.00	7.18
	IMMANUEL	SPIRIT LAKE	662	32,000.00	8,000.01	12.08
	IMMANUEL	TERRIL	172	6,500.00	2,000.00	11.63
Total				79,448.00	21,734.32	
STORM LAKE	FAITH	SIoux RAPIDS	25	750.00	125.00	5.00
	GRACE	STORM LAKE	424	25,000.00	6,249.99	14.74
	IGLESIA	STORM LAKE	9	1,250.00	200.00	22.22
	ST JOHN	ALTA	261	20,400.00	3,897.03	14.93
	ST JOHN	GALVA	305	16,500.00	3,956.30	12.97
	ST JOHN	STORM LAKE	435	10,000.00	1,047.50	2.41
	ST PAUL	ALTA	273	4,800.00	528.80	1.94
	ST PETER	NEWELL	130	8,000.00	1,544.46	11.88
ZION	STORM LAKE	299	6,700.00	0.00	0.00	
Total				93,400.00	17,549.08	
Grand Total					1,876,516.00	