



**Fan into Flame** is a movement to inspire individuals and congregations in Iowa District West to respond as recipients of God's abundant grace through the sharing of resources in the work of the mission.

Plan now how your congregation can be involved in the Fan into Flame Campaign.  
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**The total of gifts and pledges received Synod-wide to date is \$53,921,834**

**Total pledged for IDW:**  
\$353,023  
(as of January 31)  
*Praise God!*

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## Reaching the Lost in Orange City, Iowa

### Faith, Orange City

Faith, Orange City is located in northwest Iowa. Orange City is a college town, home to Northwestern College. The church will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary the end of December this year. Faith has a baptized membership of 419, confirmed members numbering 314, and a weekly worship attendance of 100 souls.

### Why they participated in Fan into Flame

Pastor Dave Daumer explains, "Recognizing the importance of sharing the good news, and the limitations that are often experienced at national, district, and local levels when it comes to financing the mission, it is clear that Fan into Flame is a worthwhile effort to raise awareness and support for missions."

### Their plan for Fan into Flame

- † DVD's and other material from District and Synod were used to raise the awareness of the need to reach the lost in our own community, around the District, and across the world
- † A line item was placed in the church's budget using the guideline of 10% of the church's budget spread out over five years.
- † During their regular fall home visitations, information was also shared about Fan into Flame to encourage general participation as well as individual pledges
- † Commitment cards for Fan into Flame could be filled out and returned on commitment Sunday along with their annual financial stewardship pledge.

### Their plan for the returning funds

The congregation hasn't decided what to do with the 15% of the funds that their congregation raises. The board will be meeting to discuss the mission opportunities that are available to them in their community.

"Funding the mission continues to be important. So too is getting involved in local mission work and in our daily witness. Writing a check so that "others" can do the work misses the point. We are all called to be a part of the ongoing Great Commission until Jesus comes again." Pastor Dave Daumer.

Plan now how your church can be instrumental in reaching the lost in your community, around the District and across the world. Contact Rev. Mark Gerken for more information on how your church can participate in Fan into Flame.