

BUSINESS MANAGER NEWS
Iowa District West Congregations' Mission Receipts



Month Ending March 2026	
Anticipated Amount	\$110,000
Actual Receipts	\$110,597
Year-to-Date Receipts	
Anticipated Amount	\$220,000
Actual Receipts	\$225,508
Over (under) anticipated amount	\$5,508
Use of Mission Receipts	
Remitted to Synod (45%)	\$ 88,000
Balance for District programs & ministries	\$137,508
Total Receipts	\$225,508
Mission Receipts Compared with Last Year	
Month ending March 2026	\$225,508
Month ending March 2025	\$227,954
Over (under) last year	\$ (2,446)

Partners in the Gospel - Monthly Mission Moment

Did you know? Every dollar your congregation gives toward mission support makes a real difference across our District. Through the District budget, your generosity fuels vital mission and ministry work—both near and far.

In 2026 alone, **\$190,000** is dedicated to supporting our mission partners, including:

- **Christ Lutheran, Ankeny** — Rev. Paul Rieger
- **Calvary for the Deaf, Des Moines** — Rev. Tim Eckert
- **Grace Lutheran, Le Mars (Sudanese Ministry)** — Rev. Daniel Mapur
- **Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines (Multi-Cultural Missions)** — Vicar Niguse Alemayo and Rev. John David Mull

In addition, **District-wide Hispanic missions** are faithfully led by **Rev. Pedro Lopez**, extending the Gospel to even more communities.

Together, as Partners in the Gospel, your mission support is bringing Christ’s love to life across our District.

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**STEWARDS ARE TOOLS IN
 GOD’S HANDS TO DO HIS
 WORK.**

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).



Synod Convention Assessment

Treasurers: please pay your Convention Assessment by June 1. Thank you to the 90+ congregations that have already paid. The remaining balance must be paid in full so that your lay and pastoral circuit representatives can attend and vote at the Synod's Convention, July 18–23 in Phoenix. The District has already paid over \$10,000 in delegate airfare and nearly \$75,000 for Synods Assessment which funds convention facility rent, electronic voting, postage, printing, floor committees, and more. The convention assessment also covers travel, lodging, and food for 6 days for 32 District delegates. To learn more about the 69th National Convention centered on the theme "Christ Is Risen Indeed," based on 1 Corinthians 15:20–22, visit www.lcms.org/convention.

Secretarial/Administrative Assistants Conference



Mark your calendar for the District Secretarial/Administrative Assistants Conference tentatively scheduled for **September 29** (the 5th Tuesday this year) in Fort Dodge. More details will be shared in the next few months. All ministry assistant professionals are invited.

Concordia Plan Services (CPS) Workshop – Focusing on Retirement

Need help planning for retirement? Concordia Plans is hosting a pre-retirement workshop on **Monday, May 18**, from **9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at **Grace Lutheran Church in Le Mars**. Workers enrolled in the Concordia Retirement Plan pension—especially those age 50 or older who are considering retirement—are encouraged to attend. Spouses are welcome as well. The workshop will cover topics such as basic retirement finances, sources of retirement income, health care in retirement, tools and resources, and more. To register, email MoneyMatters@ConcordiaPlans.org. See the poster for complete details.

Have a legal question?

One of the most valuable — and often underutilized — resources available to churches today is [Legal Assist](#), a complimentary service provided by Brotherhood Mutual. Designed specifically for ministry needs, [Legal Assist](#) gives churches access to a team of experienced legal and risk management professionals who understand the unique challenges you face. Whether you have questions about child protection policies, employment practices, facility use agreements, or governance documents, you can submit a question and receive a personalized response at no cost. This is not just a resource—it's a reflection of Brotherhood Mutual's commitment to strengthening and protecting the Church. At Lightwell Insurance Advisors, they encourage every ministry they serve to take advantage of this trusted tool as part of a proactive approach to risk management, helping you focus on your mission with greater confidence and peace of mind. Visit: <https://www.brotherhoodmutual.com/legal-assist>

Annual Church Legal Checklist for Governance and Compliance

This [online](#) article at Church Law and Tax provides a comprehensive annual checklist to help churches stay legally compliant, protect their tax-exempt status, strengthen governance, and reduce risk across financial, operational, and safety domains. The checklist emphasizes that legal compliance is ongoing, not occasional. An annual structured review helps churches:

- Protect tax-exempt status
- Strengthen governance
- Reduce liability and regulatory exposure
- Maintain trust with congregations and donors

Join the Lutheran Federal Credit Union Today!

Did you know that our very own Lutheran Federal Credit Union celebrated its 11th anniversary at the annual meeting held in St. Louis this March? The credit union offers the same services you'd expect from your local credit union or bank but LutheranFCU supports the LCMS — and your funds are fully insured.

The District is an active member of the credit union. Are you?

Lutheran Federal Credit Union provides competitive auto loans and is currently offering excellent short-term Certificates of Deposit with rates up to **3.75%** (new money only; \$1,000 minimum opening balance required). Check out www.LutheranFCU.org or call 877.737.3576.

