



## Living faith in a post-Church age

*“But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty” (2 Tim. 3:1).*

Dear friends in Christ,

“Post-Church culture.” I don’t know if you have heard this term before. If not, you undoubtedly will hear it before long. It is a term that increasingly is used to describe our times and our nation. It is used in “theological circles.” It is used in other conversations as well.

At least one national news magazine recently dedicated its feature article to this topic, noting the decline of the influence of the Christian Church in our American society. Conversely, in other parts of the world, especially Korea and some African nations, Christianity is growing in numbers of believers and in influence. Not so in America.

This change in our culture is reflected by changes in terminology. Twenty-five years ago, a term commonly used was that our nation was a nation with many “Judeo-Christian” values. That was another way of saying “biblical” values. Today, that terminology no longer is used. I can’t recall the last time that I either read or heard that term.

The change is reflected in other ways. A decade ago, author Michael Martin wrote a book titled *The Case Against Christianity*. It continues to be promoted, read, and cited by many. Other books speaking against both Christianity and religion in general that have gained readership have titles including *God Is Not Great: How God Poisons Everything* (Hitchens) or *Atheist Manifesto: The Case Against Christianity, Judaism, and Islam* (Onfray).

Other signs of our post-Church and post-Christian culture increasingly are apparent. Very soon after President Obama’s inauguration, he reversed a prior presidential order prohibiting funding of foreign family planning clinics that offer abortion services. The value on life that many Christians hold—especially Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians—clearly is being challenged. In April, the Iowa State Supreme Court ruled that marriage of homosexuals is legal in that state. Another loss to our values.

Political analysts in both major political parties have



Rev. Dale Sattgast  
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District President

stated that the “Christian vote” has lost much of its significance in state and national elections. And a recent poll indicated that the number of those who claim to be Christian has dropped by 10 percent between 1990 and 2008, while those claiming no religion has grown significantly over the same period.

Having said all this, we should not be surprised. Although we do not know when Jesus will come again, we live in what the Bible calls the “last days.”

The words of the apostle Paul to Timothy were clear that “in the last days there will come times of difficulty.” As his words continue, Paul says that people will hold the “form of religion,” but will deny its power (see 2 Tim. 3:5). That sounds like our times and culture. Jesus’ words about the last days are even more disconcerting. He says that “many will fall away” (Matt. 24:10).

It’s in this culture that we now live and move and have our being. As such, the challenges to the Church are great! But the good news is that they are not overwhelming. We can say that because the Head of the Church is our risen and living Savior Jesus Christ. He is the One who, by His death and resurrection, has brought forgiveness of sins, victory over the power of the devil, and the greatest hope this world needs. It is our risen and living Savior who continues to say through His Word that even the gates of hell will not prevail against His Church (see Matt. 16:18)!

The challenge to the Church and to every believer is to neither give up nor give in.

Perhaps there is even a blessing of living in these last, post-Church days. God very well may be impressing upon us that our faith is more than just “cultural Christianity.” Rather, it is a *personal* faith, a committed relationship with the one true God of the universe. It is a *living* faith in our living Savior, brought to life through God’s grace and by His Spirit in the Words and water of Holy Baptism. It is a *growing* faith, nurtured by God’s divine Word and our Savior’s holy Body and Blood, and renewed daily in repentance. It is a *bold* faith that realizes the importance not only of “talking the talk,” but “walking the walk.” And it is a *witnessing* faith that understands the urgency of bringing the one message of the Gospel, the Savior, forgiveness, and eternal hope to a world lost in sin.

To the Church in Smyrna, our risen Savior gave these words: “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10b). These words, written and

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## FROM THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

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spoken more than 1,900 hundred years ago, are wonderful words of promise to each of us *and* to the Church, especially in these days of a “post-Church culture.”

God bless us that together we faithfully serve Him and His kingdom in these last days!

“... *nothing ...  
except Jesus  
Christ and Him  
crucified*”

In Christ,  
*Pastor Dale L. Sattgast*  
1 Cor. 2:2  
2 Cor. 3:4-6  
2 Tim. 1:8-12

## Stepping up

To be yours Lord! 1 Cor 5:7-14



South Dakota District Youth Gathering is  
‘Stepping UP’

- ✍ **Where?** Io-Dis-E-Ca in Iowa
- ✍ **When?** July 27 to Aug. 1
- ✍ **Doing what?** You will help with flood relief efforts in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, area.
- ✍ **How do I get signed up?** Register online at [http://sd.lcms.org/PA\\_Youth\\_Services.html](http://sd.lcms.org/PA_Youth_Services.html)
- ✍ **When do I sign up?** Registration opens May 1.
- ✍ **What do you mean “Stepping UP”?** “Stepping Up” as the body of Christ, we will offer our services to God’s people in Iowa during the day and returning to camp in late afternoon for fun, food, and fellowship.
- ✍ **How much does this cost?** The cost for the “Stepping Up” adventure is \$150 per person.

## Hitch’n-Post-Ministries makes contacts in northwest South Dakota

Rev. Gary Jacobsen is working to make contacts with ranch families north of Interstate 90 and west of the Missouri River. If you know of anyone—relative or friend—living in that area, please tell them about this effort. You also can contact Rev. Jacobsen at 605-745-5327.

Jacobsen is pastor at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Hot Springs and grew up ranching “West River” near Gregory. His knowledge of the ranching community is a big help in establishing contacts. As his work continues, he hopes to develop small-group devotion and Bible study groups, with opportunities to meet for worship.

The national LWML has given a grant of \$56,000 to help initiate this work. As the district teams up with the LWML, Bethesda, and Rev. Jacobsen, it can make a significant impact on the ranch community with the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Keep this effort in your prayers.



Rev. Gary Jacobsen is developing contacts in the western part of South Dakota. The district’s Circuit Rider effort—“Hitch’n-Post-Ministries”—is a collaborative effort of the South Dakota District and the national LWML. Jacobsen plans to hold a kickoff event this summer. Details will be announced.





## Call information

as of April 23

### CALLS PENDING

**Darren Olson**, Zion and St. John, Canistota and Montrose, received a call as pastor at Blessed Emmanuel, Sturgis, 4/13/09.

**Candidate Samuel J. Needham**, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., received the call as pastor at Concordia, Vermillion, 4/21/09.

**Candidate Curtis Garland**, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, received the call as pastor at First/Emmanuel, Wall/Creighton, 4/22/09.

**Candidate Gregory Lehr**, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, received the call as assistant pastor at Zion, Sioux Falls, 4/22/09.

### ACCEPTED

**Candidate Nikki Lymann**, Concordia, St. Paul, Minn., received a call as director of Christian education at Zion, Rapid City, 4/14/09.

### DECLINED

**Daniel Deardoff**, Blessed Redeemer, Brandon, declined a call as pastor at Immanuel, Honey Creek, Mo., 4/15/09.

### VICARAGE ASSIGNMENTS

**Vicar Candidate Thomas C. Brown, DELTO**, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., was assigned to Zion, Mitchell, 4/21/09.

**Vicar Candidate Joel G. Keopp, DELTO**, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., was assigned to Mount Calvary, Brookings, 4/21/09.

### VACANCIES

- Our Savior, Aberdeen, senior pastor
- St. Paul/St. John, Aberdeen, assistant pastor
- Zion, Chamberlain
- St. John, Howard
- Bethesda/First English, Marion/Parker
- Lord of Life, Sioux Falls
- Blessed Emmanuel, Sturgis
- Concordia, Vermillion
- First/Emmanuel, Wall/Creighton



## District seminarians begin work

■ Nathan A. Fuehrer from Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Huron, received a call to Immanuel Lutheran Church as associate pastor in Lethbridge, Alberta-British Columbia, in the Alberta-British Columbia District of the Lutheran Church—Canada.

■ Eric Kolonich from Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, Black Hawk, received a call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, Wis., as associate pastor.

■ Mark S. Loder from Concordia Lutheran Church, Vermillion, received a call to St. John Lutheran Church, Winsted, Minn.

## Did you know?

Mark Crutcher, president of Life Dynamics, writes that the American Cancer Society has long supported embryonic stem cell research and denied the abortion connection to breast cancer. Now it has been revealed that the organization also is donating some of the money raised from its national Relay For Life to Planned Parenthood.

Susan Crump, a member of the Yuma, Ark., pro-life community, told Life Dynamics that when they questioned the American Cancer Society about the situation, the group admitted to giving several thousand dollars to Planned Parenthood in Iowa. As a response, the Knights of Columbus and several other pro-life organizations have removed their support from Relay For Life events. (Source: *Life Bulletin*, LFL of IL, Summer '08.)

## September issue deadline: July 15



When possible, please send photos in a JPEG format, at 300 dpi.

If you send print photos, please send a copy that you won't need back. Thank you.

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# LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



*Travels  
with Elaine*



LWML District  
President  
Elaine Hankel

Many of you may not know that these articles are written two months in advance of publication. So as I write this, the ground is covered with snow following several major storms. When you read this, spring will be ready to turn into summer, and there will be green grass and beautiful flowers wherever you look. What a wonderful reminder of God's many creations!

June will be a very busy month. The LWML convention is right around the corner! Between June 25 and 28, attendees of the 33rd biennial LWML Convention will gather in Portland to be nourished by the Word, inspired with songs of praise, and encouraged in service to God and others through the many speakers and convention activities. The delegates will have the awesome task of electing new officers, setting a new mission mite goal, and voting for important grant proposals.

Evergreen Park will be full of interesting and innovative exhibits. The area is very beautiful and offers a lot of history, from the expedition of Lewis and Clark to the first overland migration that formed the Oregon Trail back in 1843. One of the theme verses for the convention is from Psalm 121:1-2, *"I lift my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."* There is no better place to see the wonders of God's creation, to look up and see the majestic, snow-covered Mount Hood. What a beautiful sight! If you travel a couple hours west of Portland, you will find the Pacific Ocean and wonderful beaches. This only touches the surface of what the Portland area has to offer.

If you have never attended a convention, you may not know that you will see a sea of purple. One of the official colors for the LWML is purple and the other is gold. Although, there is not a lot known why purple and gold were chosen. According to President Jan Wendorf, a request for that information was sent to Barbara Hugins who works at Concordia Historical Institute. In "Gladys' file of firsts" it states, and President Jan quoted, "It was reported in the Southern Illinois *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly Supplement* for October of 1948 that their district had adopted the colors of purple and gold. Purple symbolizes royalty and gold symbolizes value and integrity." No Scripture reference was given.

In the book *Wings* on page 77, it was noted that the Executive Board adopted as the LWML colors purple and gold in 1951. A motion was made to that effect, and the colors were adopted. Since then, LWML members have been very faithful and shown their love for the colors of purple and gold.

Have safe travels to Portland and *"Go in peace. Your journey has the Lord's approval"* (Judges 18:6).

## **Mighty mites ...**

You have heard that phrase many times and yet, during these economic times, these words are more relevant than ever. When we combine all our mites, God blesses their efforts and mighty things for Him are accomplished.

It is time to submit mission grant proposals for the South Dakota LWML 2010 convention. Mission grant proposals need to be submitted to Arlene Naasz, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, by Aug. 31.

*To obtain guidelines for submitting a mission grant proposal, please contact Arlene at 6219th Ave., Brookings, SD 57006. Copies of the guidelines also are available on the South Dakota LWML Web site: [www.sdlwml.org](http://www.sdlwml.org).*

## **LWML exceeds mite goal!**

Praise God! The LWML has exceeded its 2007-09 mission goal of \$1.7 million by \$75,730.17.

"The greater 'LWML family' actively met and exceeded the mite goal for 2007-09," LWML President Jan Wendorf said. "People from all over responded to God's love in their own lives and joined together by God's grace and provision to accomplish this. I am humbled and honored by the trust given to Lutheran Women in Mission to be about their Father's business while it is still day. Sincere thanks to all who contributed."

Among contributions received by the March 31 deadline was an anonymous memorial gift of \$100,000.

LCMS President Gerald Kieschnick sent his congratulations to the women of the LWML: "What a blessing from the hand of the Lord, made possible, humanly speaking, by the generous hearts of some of His most precious children—the wonderful women of the LWML! The support provided by LWML for the LCMS and its related ministries is vital for the ongoing mission of our Synod and is most sincerely appreciated."





Rev. Brian Lemcke  
LWML District Counselor

**Counselor's corner**

It's here again! Some of us have waited for it for a long time! It's been advertised and people have been talking about it—and we've been waiting.

So what is it? Is it summer? Is it the LWML convention in Portland? Is it God's love? Yes! We can say with a resounding "YES!" that it's all these things.

Summer brings with it all the growth of the things we've planted in the spring of the year or of our lives. That might be flowers or vegetables, or the seed in someone's heart and mind to attend the LWML convention this year, or God's love.

Whatever it is, we all know that, like Paul says in 1 Cor. 3:6, one person might till the soil, another plants the seed, another waters. But no matter what we are planting or watering—seeds of beauty or bounty, seeds of nature or nurture, seeds of God's love—only God can make any of these things grow.

And that's why we love summer. In the early summer of June, God gives growth to what has been planted and watered and tended. And there might even be some things that are harvested in June—like the peas we love to eat or the radishes or whatever. And in the midsummer of July, there is even more for us as we see tomatoes, potatoes, and sweet corn ready themselves for harvest. And then we enjoy the fruit of our labor.

That's what the LWML convention is all about. It's about getting together and seeing some of the labor of love that has borne fruit. It's about continuing to tend the garden that's already been planted. It's about planning to plant new gardens of God's love throughout the world in different places.

These gardens might be different from the gardens we plant in our backyards, because the backyards in other places aren't like ours. We must plant the Word of God there in the kind of soil that is available so the love of God can have a good start. And even though the garden might look different from yours in your backyard—even though it might be full of plants you wouldn't place in your ground—that's OK. God will make His Word that is planted accomplish what He desires and achieve the purpose for which He sends it (see Is. 55:11).

And that's what it's all about, isn't it? Doing God's will and letting Him do what He desires so that we can enjoy the garden of heaven that's waiting for all of us who have heard the Word of God and through the faith

that has been planted and tended by someone else, have eternal life with Him forever. All to the glory of the Father for the sake of the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!



**South Dakota LWML Nominating Committee needs you!**

Nominations are being accepted for the following South Dakota LWML officers to be elected at the 2010 convention in Huron:

- ☞ Vice President of Communication
- ☞ Vice President of Human Care
- ☞ Vice President of Servant Resources
- ☞ Secretary
- ☞ Financial Secretary

Prayerfully consider those you know who have the gifts and abilities to serve the Lord through the LWML. Encourage them to step out in faith, knowing that the Lord qualifies the called.

Any LWML member may suggest a name to be considered for nomination. Nominations may be sent to any member of the committee listed below.

Nominations should be submitted by Nov. 25.

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# LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

## Plan now to attend the 92nd convention of the Int'l Lutheran Laymen's League

Join us for the 92nd annual international convention of the International Lutheran Laymen's League, July 16-19 in Greensboro, N.C. The convention promises to be a great time of worship and fellowship under the theme "Share His Story." Psalm 66:16 says, "Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what He has done for me." By God's grace, those who attend will be emboldened to share the greatest story ever: the true story of salvation!

Speakers and events include:

- Pastor Ken Klaus, speaker of "The Lutheran Hour®";
- Phyllis Wallace of "Woman to Woman®" and her interview with Pattie Petty during a women's luncheon;
- NASCAR great Ned Jarrett, who will serve as keynote speaker at the Fellowship Lunch;
- character re-enactments and bluegrass music as the "LLL visits Mayberry" for Family Night;
- banquet entertainment from the local theatrical group Peculiar People; and
- workshops to help you "Share His Story" with family, friends, and others.

You also will have opportunities to hear the inspiring stories of LHM international directors from Chile, Madagascar, Russia, and Sri Lanka during a special breakfast.

Returning this year is **Reach**, the popular outreach conference targeted to younger adults, whether single or married. **Reach** will feature speakers and workshops that address this generation's unique outreach challenges, enable them to effectively engage their community in conversations about faith, and teach them how to share the life-saving message of Jesus' love in a way that is natural and informed. **Reach** 2009 takes an environmental tone in its Bible studies and workshops, delving into the question of how Christians should view themselves in relation to the world around them.

Greensboro offers something for everyone in the

family. From Revolutionary War battlefields and other historical sites, to being in the middle of NASCAR racing country, to experiencing why North Carolina is called the "furniture capital of the world," come see why this year's convention location is a great place for your summer vacation.

A four-day registration costs \$95, a two-day registration (or registration to the **Reach** Conference) costs \$65, and a child/youth registration (ages 6-18) costs \$65. Lodging, meals, and entertainment options have an additional cost. Call 800-876-9880, fill out and return the registration form in the March/April issue of *The Lutheran Layman* newspaper, or register online. Visit [www.lhm.org/convention](http://www.lhm.org/convention) for more information about the convention.

## Two LHM programs garner awards at Texas Arts Festival

This year at the First International Christian Communication Arts Festival at Concordia University Texas in Austin, both JCPayZone, at [www.jcpayzone.com](http://www.jcpayzone.com), and the LHM Men's NetWork, at [www.lhmmen.com](http://www.lhmmen.com), snagged prizes.

Cited for—among other things—its "kid friendly" design, its application of "best practices in Web design," its creative and engaging use of colors, and its use of "children's voices," JCPayZone was a hit with judges. Full of stuff that's fun, interactive, and downloadable, the JCPayZone Web site offers music, coloring pages, recipes, crafts, and computer games.

The award related to the LHM Men's NetWork was actually earned by behind-the-scenes work done for its branding campaign. Employing a "variety of media" in a manner "consistent in design and quality," word has gone out regarding this new men's ministry initiative via letter mailings, postcards, e-mailings and announcements, targeted video productions, ad placements in external publications, and PowerPoint slides.

The contest was all about spreading the word, especially that most important Word—God's Son, Jesus Christ. Matt Berndt, director of Career Services at the College of Communication at The University of Texas at Austin, put it this way:

"If we want to be effective communicators—effective in sharing the Good News of salvation—we have to focus on what God wants to say through us and who He wants to reach, and put aside our notions about what God wants to say, how He wants to say it, and who we should be reaching."





*Lutherans For Life—'Witnessing to the Sanctity of Human Life through education based on the Word of God'*

### **Lutherans For Life is Unique**

What makes Lutherans For Life (LFL) unique? First of all, LFL is a spiritual organization. Our focus is on connecting God's Word to the life issues. LFL recognizes the power of the Gospel to change hearts and minds. LFL knows that our people need to keep asking the question, "What has God done that gives value to human life?" Secondly, our target audience is Lutherans and the Lutheran Church. Our goal—our vision—is to reach Lutherans and through them transform the world.

Lutherans For Life is needed now more than ever. According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, 70 percent of women seeking abortions identify themselves as Christian. The attack on life continues to intensify with assisted suicide, embryonic stem cell research, and cloning. Christians certainly are not immune to the problems of life and death, but what makes us different is our Christian perspective when dealing with these problems.

LFL wants to reach Lutherans before they make a decision that does not honor God as the giver of life. We want to be pro-active rather than re-active. We want to reach that Lutheran pregnant teen—before she gets to the abortion clinic—with the message that God created her baby. We want to reach that grieving family—before they speak to the doctor about removing Grandma's feeding tube—with the message that God is still working through Grandma's life. We want to reach that excited couple—before they learn the news of a possible handicapped newborn—with the message that God has a plan and purpose for their baby.

As members and supporters of Lutherans For Life, I know that you understand the importance of these connections. Our challenge is to help Lutherans understand and connect God's Word of Life to the life issues. God tells us that His Word does not return empty. When a pastor preaches on the God-given value of life, a teacher instructs students on why God created them, and a LFL brochure, speaker, or Bible study are used within our congregations, hearts and minds are changed, good decisions are made, lives are saved, and fellow Lutherans are equipped to impact their world.

What an honor it is to serve our LORD through the ministry of Lutherans For Life! What an opportunity we have to really make a difference both temporal and eternal for the people around us! So, "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Gal. 6:9). Rather, "let us run with

endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith" (Heb. 12:1b-2a), working to help our fellow Lutherans connect God's Word to the life issues they face every day.

*Diane Schroeder, President  
National Lutherans For Life  
(LifeDate, Summer 2007)*

### **Worth thinking about**

We cannot determine people's world view simply by asking their position on particular moral questions: Are you for or against abortion? Are you for or against homosexual marriage? Instead, we must ask how they justify their views. Many Americans retain traditional ideals but regard them as matters of personal choice, refusing to insist on them as objective, universal norms. The most familiar example is those who are "personally opposed" to abortion yet defend the right of others to make their own choice. In their own lives, many Americans practice exemplary ethical behavior, yet, when asked to articulate objective principles to justify that behavior, they can offer nothing beyond, "It feels right for me."... The Christian should justify everything based on this world view: creation, the fall, and redemption.

*From **The Christian in Today's Culture**, by Charles Colson*

### **Renewal**

Do you often feel very alone in the pro-life ministry arena? Then consider attending the Lutherans For Life 2009 National Conference—**Celebrating the Abundant Life**—and the organization's 30th year anniversary July 24-25 at the DoubleTree Westport in St. Louis. This is an excellent opportunity to be encouraged by other Lutheran pro-lifers and educated by excellent workshop speakers.

Keynote speaker will be Bobby Schindler, brother of Terri Schiavo, and topics will focus on following the Shepherd while Celebrating the Abundant Life at the beginning of life, the end of life, and in the trials of life, based on the words of Jesus in John 10:10: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

For more information on speakers and cost, contact Trisha Adams at the national office: 888-364-LIFE or [tdadams@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:tdadams@lutheransforlife.org).



# MISSION RECEIPTS

## District congregation year-to-date report for the three months ending April 14, 2009, compared to the three months ending April 14, 2008

City, Congregation	Comm. Members	2009 Intention	3 Months 2009	3 Months 2008	Avg/Per 2009	Comm. 2008
<b>Circuit A—Aberdeen</b>						
Aberdeen, Our Savior	522	—	1,875	—	3.59	—
Aberdeen, St. John	77	5,500	2,073	2,310	26.92	30.00
Aberdeen, St. Paul	831	32,000	8,201	8,326	9.87	10.02
Andover, Zion	93	4,700	2,330	1,240	25.05	13.33
Britton, St. John	200	—	996	—	4.98	—
Columbia, St. John	132	5,800	—	1,480	—	11.21
Ferney, St. Paul	177	2,400	—	1,200	—	6.78
Groton, St. John	332	20,000	2,391	6,910	7.20	20.81
Hecla, Peace	65	—	—	—	—	—
Ipswich, Good Shepherd	20	300	—	—	—	—
Leola, St. Paul	78	500	—	—	—	—
Mansfield, Trinity	295	20,000	6,002	7,362	20.35	24.96
Stratford, St. Paul	54	3,500	—	—	—	—
<b>Circuit A Totals</b>	<b>2,876</b>	<b>\$94,700</b>	<b>\$23,868</b>	<b>\$28,828</b>	<b>8.30</b>	<b>10.02</b>
<b>Circuit B—Milbank</b>						
Corona, Trinity	162	1,500	—	—	—	—
Milbank, Bethlehem	73	1,800	—	—	—	—
Milbank, Emanuel	813	24,000	5,691	5,575	7.00	6.86
Revillo, St. John	152	8,500	1,934	1,589	12.72	10.45
Sisseton, Emanuel	155	4,300	648	726	4.18	4.68
Watertown, Mount Olive	409	19,250	3,208	—	7.84	—
Waubay, Zion	119	1,500	1,904	50	16.00	0.42
Wilmot, Our Savior	160	4,500	750	885	4.69	5.53
<b>Circuit B Totals</b>	<b>2,043</b>	<b>\$65,350</b>	<b>\$14,135</b>	<b>\$8,825</b>	<b>6.92</b>	<b>4.32</b>
<b>Circuit C—Pierre</b>						
Agar, St. John	48	—	415	855	8.65	17.81
Blunt, Trinity	50	1,278	319	413	6.39	8.26
Gettysburg, Emmanuel	259	—	—	—	—	—
Harrod, Immanuel	45	—	—	—	—	—
Lebanon, Christ	21	—	140	240	6.67	11.43
Onida, Holy Cross	106	1,500	400	—	3.77	—
Pierre, Faith	1,386	32,760	8,194	7,962	5.91	5.74
Seneca, St. Paul	16	500	—	—	—	—
<b>Circuit C Totals</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>\$36,038</b>	<b>\$9,468</b>	<b>\$9,470</b>	<b>4.90</b>	<b>4.90</b>
<b>Circuit D—Huron</b>						
Cresbard, Concordia *	96	—	—	1,074	—	11.19
Doland, Redeemer	62	1,200	400	—	6.45	—
Huron, Mount Calvary	826	65,000	—	17,474	—	21.15
Redfield, Messiah	133	1,250	—	—	—	—
Wecota, Immanuel	93	—	—	—	—	—
Wessington, Concordia	27	—	—	200	—	7.41
Wessington Springs, Zion	79	—	344	803	4.35	10.16
Wolsey, St. John	251	13,000	2,010	4,419	8.01	17.61
Woonsocket, Mount Olive	19	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Circuit D Totals</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>\$80,450</b>	<b>\$2,754</b>	<b>\$23,970</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>15.11</b>
<b>Circuit E—Brookings</b>						
Aurora, First English	40	3,000	1,112	1,392	27.80	34.80
Brookings, Mount Calvary	340	—	4,294	3,541	12.63	10.41
Brookings, Peace	125	3,300	551	880	4.41	7.04
Chester, St. John	86	—	544	467	6.33	5.43
Flandreau, Redeemer	88	2,800	700	650	7.95	7.39
Howard, St. John	286	—	—	—	—	—
Madison, Our Savior	298	—	1,400	1,400	4.70	4.70
Wentworth, St. Peter	150	6,300	—	300	—	2.00
White, Zion	119	4,800	—	1,442	—	12.12
<b>Circuit E Totals</b>	<b>1,532</b>	<b>\$20,200</b>	<b>\$8,601</b>	<b>\$10,072</b>	<b>5.61</b>	<b>6.57</b>
<b>Circuit F—Black Hills</b>						
Black Hawk, Divine Shepherd	238	9,600	2,645	1,875	11.11	7.88
Creighton, Emmanuel	54	500	500	—	9.26	—
Custer, Our Redeemer	119	6,000	2,500	1,557	21.01	13.08
Deadwood, Grace	116	2,500	417	625	3.59	5.39
Hill City, Our Savior	17	2,000	500	917	29.41	53.94
Hot Springs, Bethesda	284	5,500	1,375	833	4.84	2.93
Philip, Our Redeemer	115	—	—	—	—	—
Rapid City, Bethlehem	645	18,300	9,480	5,801	14.70	8.99
Rapid City, Our Redeemer	131	1,500	300	322	2.29	2.46
Rapid City, Peace	609	20,000	2,948	3,200	4.84	5.25
Rapid City, Zion	1,136	25,000	6,250	6,000	5.50	5.28
Spearsfish, St. Paul	343	24,900	6,225	5,655	18.15	16.49
Sturgis, Blessed Emmanuel	51	800	1,859	675	36.45	13.24

City, Congregation	Comm. Members	2009 Intention	3 Months 2009	3 Months 2008	Avg/Per 2009	Comm. 2008
Wall, First	242	1,445	—	—	—	—
<b>Circuit F Totals</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>\$118,045</b>	<b>\$34,999</b>	<b>\$27,460</b>	<b>8.54</b>	<b>6.70</b>
<b>Circuit G—Chamberlain</b>						
Chamberlain, Zion	430	11,000	—	1,826	—	4.25
Clearfield, Redeemer	32	—	—	120	—	3.75
Draper, St. Paul	42	500	—	—	—	—
Gregory, St. John	307	—	—	—	—	—
Hamill, Zion	108	—	—	—	—	—
Midland, St. Peter	35	3,000	1,543	856	44.09	24.46
Murdo, Messiah	132	2,800	—	—	—	—
Norris, St. John	72	1,900	445	—	6.18	—
Presho, Zion	127	1,400	—	—	—	—
Reliance, Trinity	38	—	150	—	3.95	—
Rosebud, Rosebud Mission	—	—	654	560	—	—
Winner, Christ	147	—	400	—	2.72	—
<b>Circuit G Totals</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>\$20,600</b>	<b>\$3,192</b>	<b>\$3,362</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>2.29</b>
<b>Circuit H—Mitchell</b>						
Armour, Redeemer	229	9,000	2,250	2,500	9.83	10.92
Delmont, Zion	192	15,000	—	—	—	—
Dimock, Immanuel	167	18,000	4,459	4,992	26.70	29.89
Mitchell, Zion	715	30,600	6,750	6,750	9.44	9.44
Parkston, Faith	215	12,000	3,693	4,552	17.18	21.17
Plankinton, St. Paul	193	7,500	1,875	1,875	9.72	9.72
Tripp, Emmaus	172	9,500	2,375	2,250	13.81	13.08
White Lake, Trinity	125	6,000	2,205	1,786	17.64	14.29
<b>Circuit H Totals</b>	<b>2,008</b>	<b>\$107,600</b>	<b>\$23,607</b>	<b>\$24,705</b>	<b>11.76</b>	<b>12.30</b>
<b>Circuit I—Yankton</b>						
Alcester, Peace	143	—	2,286	2,101	15.98	14.69
Avon, Zion	150	4,200	820	920	5.47	6.13
Centerville, First English	123	2,500	694	—	5.64	—
Dakota Dunes, Holy Cross	80	18,851	2,011	—	25.14	—
Fairfax, Trinity	121	—	—	—	—	—
Hurley, Zion	82	2,600	770	—	9.39	—
Springfield, Our Savior	56	—	—	—	—	—
Tyndall, St. John	150	—	—	—	—	—
Utica, Martinus	42	1,000	—	—	—	—
Vermillion, Concordia	158	—	900	600	5.70	3.80
Wagner, St. John	281	—	2,200	2,500	7.83	8.90
Yankton, St. John's	978	40,000	10,000	9,625	10.22	9.84
<b>Circuit I Totals</b>	<b>2,364</b>	<b>\$69,151</b>	<b>\$19,681</b>	<b>\$15,746</b>	<b>8.33</b>	<b>6.66</b>
<b>Circuit J—Sioux Falls</b>						
Brandon, Blessed Redeemer	256	11,500	2,875	2,750	11.23	10.74
Sioux Falls, Christ	171	—	—	—	—	—
Sioux Falls, Faith	503	24,500	6,125	5,125	12.18	10.19
Sioux Falls, Lord of Life	304	—	4,310	4,310	14.18	14.18
Sioux Falls, Memorial	541	35,000	12,120	10,308	22.40	19.05
Sioux Falls, Our Redeemer	399	21,200	5,075	4,825	12.72	12.09
Sioux Falls, Resurrection	200	12,973	2,163	4,733	10.81	23.67
Sioux Falls, Trinity	46	—	—	—	—	—
Sioux Falls, Zion	451	46,000	491	975	1.09	2.16
<b>Circuit J Totals</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>\$151,173</b>	<b>\$33,159</b>	<b>\$33,026</b>	<b>11.55</b>	<b>11.50</b>
<b>Circuit K—Freeman</b>						
Alexandria, St. Martin	141	500	—	35	—	0.25
Canistota, Zion	230	—	—	1,425	—	6.20
Emery, St. John	47	—	—	—	—	—
Emery, St. Peter	95	6,000	—	1,515	—	15.95
Freeman, St. Paul	360	8,800	—	—	—	—
Hartford, Trinity	182	7,300	350	—	1.92	—
Marion, Bethesda	117	—	—	—	—	—
Menno, Immanuel	114	5,500	2,810	2,232	24.64	19.58
Montrose, St. John	93	—	213	531	2.29	5.71
Parker, First English	63	—	736	924	11.68	14.67
Scotland, St. Paul	70	3,120	780	750	11.14	10.71
Spencer, Trinity	87	—	561	1,062	6.45	12.21
Tea, Risen Savior	36	5,987	929	745	25.82	20.69
<b>Circuit K Totals</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>\$37,207</b>	<b>\$6,379</b>	<b>\$9,219</b>	<b>3.90</b>	<b>5.64</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>24,416</b>	<b>\$800,514</b>	<b>\$179,842</b>	<b>\$194,683</b>	<b>7.37</b>	<b>7.97</b>

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\* Includes remittances from Concordia, Cresbard, for previous year's (2007) intention.