

“Behold Your God!  
What Help!  
What Hope!”



Executive Secretary's Report to the  
61<sup>st</sup> South Dakota District Convention

Rev. Darren R. Olson  
Executive Secretary

# Isaiah 40:9



Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion,  
herald of good news; lift up your voice with  
strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah,  
“Behold your God!”

# Dr. Martin Luther on Isaiah 40:9



“This is the gist of your preaching:

Behold your God! Promote God alone, His mercy and grace...The rest, the ungodly, preach the doctrines and works of men, their own rules and righteousness. This herald must avoid that kind of teaching and speak of Christ alone. In Him alone rests all our salvation.”

# Congregations Support for Synod and District Mission



In the last triennium District congregations have contributed to Synod and District:

2015: \$1,085,132

2016: \$1,073,031

2017: \$1,048,205

# Together In Mission (TIM)



Rev. Alan Ludwig, Novosibirsk, Russia



# Together In Mission (TIM)



In the last triennium District congregations have contributed to TIM:

2015: \$32,306

2016: \$46,014

2017: \$36,741

# Additional Synod Support



During Synod's 2017 fiscal year, individuals and groups in The South Dakota District gave additional offerings to Synod totaling nearly:

**\$773,000**

# Four District Service Areas

Parish Services: Stewardship,

Parish Education, Disaster Response

Outreach: World Missions, Evangelism,

Rural Ministry

Young Adult: Campus Ministry

Youth: Jr. and Sr. high youth





# Campus Ministry

## Mt. Calvary, Brookings



# Campus Ministry Concordia, Vermillion




# LCMS U

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How We Serve ▸ National ▸ Campus Ministry

### Campus Ministry

College is tough. You need Jesus. We'll help.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Campus Ministry works through LCMS U, an initiative to connect and support Lutheran students as they head off to college and face countless challenges to their biblical worldview, doctrine, ethics and practices.


[Learn more about LCMS Campus Ministry >>](#)

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# Lay Leadership Institute

Lay Leadership Institute is a great opportunity for laypeople to grow in their Christian faith and in their ability to serve the Lord.



# Lutheran Schools



Lutheran schools within the District:

20 Early Childhood Centers/Preschools

4 Elementary Schools

2 High Schools

# New School Ministries



- \* Peace Lutheran Church, Brookings expanded their Early Childhood Center to include elementary education.
- \* Divine Shepherd, Black Hawk expanded their preschool to become an early childhood center.

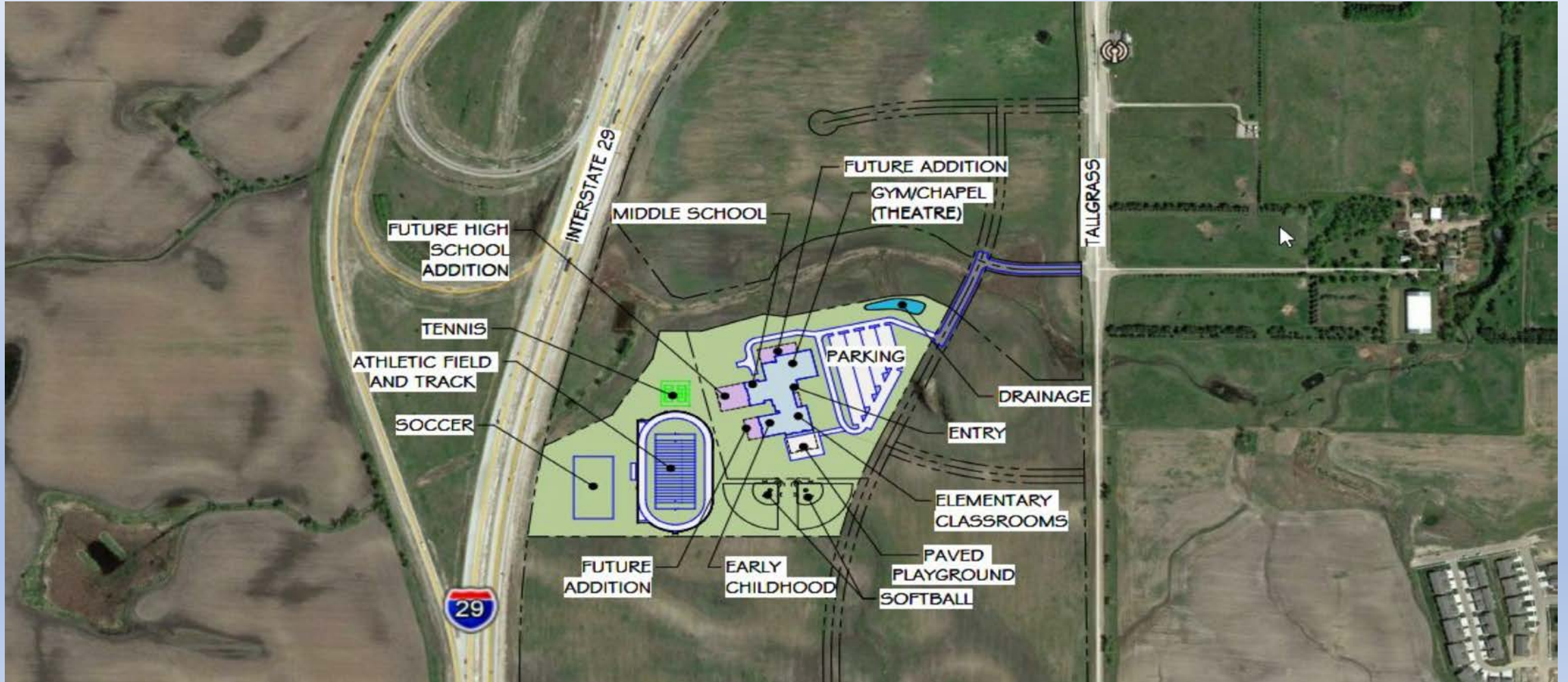
# National Lutheran School Accreditation



NLSA

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School Accreditation

# Sioux Falls Lutheran School





# District Student Aid

Undergraduates: \$3,000/year

Seminarians: \$7,500/year

2017-18 Tuition Assistance Totals:

10 grants = \$41,000



# Equipping the Saints for Outreach



District Outreach Service Area:

“Every Day Evangelism for My Everyday  
Life” in March 2017.



“I feel evangelism is less frightening now. This workshop helped me to see how we can do evangelism every day by how we live our life. This encourages me to bring this workshop to my own congregation.”



“I was reminded that the Holy Spirit is doing the work—I’m just the witness. The encouragement I received from this workshop for what I’ve been doing was heart-warming.”

# LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission





“Gained a lot of insight I didn’t think of.”

“Very informative and I enjoyed it. I will be using it.”

“I loved the emphasis on loving, caring, persistent contact, and patience.”



# Center for United States Missions



Rev. Dr. Peter Meier  
Executive Director

# Churches Planting Churches Workshop



Spearfish, SD on August 17-18, 2018





Beginning in 2017 and for the next 5 years:

\$100,000/year

\$60,000 for congregations

\$40,000 for Lutheran schools

# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rapid City



# St. Peter Lutheran Church, Midland



# Martinus Lutheran Church provides baby gift bundles



Martinus Lutheran Church of rural Utica is nearing its goal of delivering 640 baby gift bundles to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton during the year of 2017. Each bundle includes a homemade baby blanket, children's Bible story, onesie bodysuit, and a card of encouragement for the baby's parents.

Some bundles also include burp cloths and crocheted hats. The nurses at the OB/Pediatric area of the hospital have been giving these bundles to each baby born at the hospital.

Funds for this project were made available from the S.D. District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Harvest Grant program. The grant program has provided additional funds to LCMS churches and parochial schools for the purpose of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ within our communities. Across South Dakota there are many great community service activities and events underway as a result of this program.

The members at Martinus have been busy sewing to keep a steady supply at the hospital and have also received assistance from several gracious sewers from St. John's Lutheran of Tyndall and St. Paul's Lutheran of Freeman, along with prisoners crocheting baby hats at the Yankton Prison.

The birth of every child is a miraculous blessing from God, but parenting is hard work. Martinus Lutheran Church wishes to en-



# Aberdeen Circuit

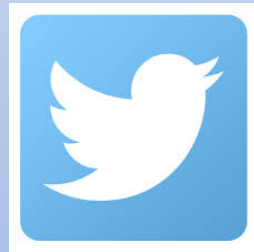


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