



# DISTRICT NEWS

## SOUTH DAKOTA

### A CHRISTMAS LESSON

# Christ came for all; door damagers too!

A group had been using our church's Christian Life Center for basketball. These were underprivileged young men in the neighborhood. Playing basketball was a big deal for them.



**Rev. Scott Sailer**  
District President

But sometimes they got a little rowdy and on that particular December night, someone in the group had broken off a door handle.

When I saw the damage, I was angry at first. How dare they do this! Don't they know we put good money into our church building? Doesn't anyone have any respect anymore? What's wrong with young people these days?

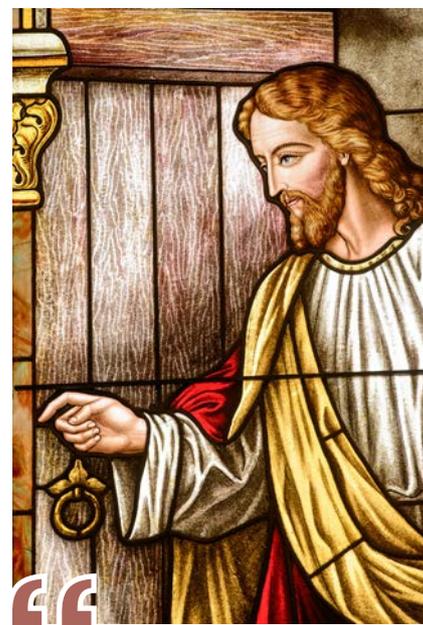
Somehow — it must have been the Holy Spirit — I suddenly remembered the bigger picture. Those young basketball players didn't have much. They came from largely dysfunctional families. Many of them had fought battles with drugs and alcohol. This basketball night at our church was very important to them — and very healthy for them. Their leaders were sharing God's Word, planting seeds, sowing hope. This was what was most important. And while damaged doors are an inconvenience,

risking some damage to our building and incurring occasional damage and wear-and-tear, and then making the repairs was worth it.

Why? Those young men are precious to God. God loves them. And God's Word of grace is powerful. It grew in the hearts of some of those who received it, even after a night of spirited basketball games.

The damaged door reminds me also of my sin-damaged life. I'm no better than the door-wrecker. I, too, daily sin much and deserve nothing but God's wrath and judgment. I deserve to have the door to heaven shut for me. But thanks be to God! Jesus is the narrow Door to heaven (Luke 13:24). He's the Gate, and whoever enters through Him will be saved (John 10:9a).

It's interesting how Jesus' earthly life began — largely with shut doors. Often, as the Christmas story is portrayed by our children, the innkeeper in Bethlehem comes to the door to talk to road-weary Mary and Joseph, only to give them the bad news that there's no room in the inn. He permits them to stay in the stable, shuts the door on the Holy Family and presumably shuffles back to bed.



**I am the door.** If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." — JOHN 10:9

As Jesus' ministry began, He faced so many shut doors, so much rejection.

"He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him."  
— JOHN 1:11

But!

"To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of men, but of God." — JOHN 1:12

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# Students proclaim CHRIST CRUCIFIED

Lutheran Student Fellowship of South Dakota State University (SDSU) in Brookings started a new tradition for the SDSU Hobo Day parade, held on Oct. 13. For its float entry, Rev. Micah Bauer carried a 12-foot cross through the parade while two students walked alongside him with signs reading “Mount Calvary Lutheran Student Fellowship. We proclaim Christ crucified for the forgiveness of our sins.”

While this float didn't receive any official awards, it sure did catch the attention of many onlookers.

“We weren't sure what people's reaction would be,” said Rev. Bauer, who serves as assistant pastor of Mount Calvary, Brookings. “We didn't hear anybody being verbally

antagonistic, although the social pressure of the crowd helps to dissuade that sort of thing. Several individuals and groups shouted out things like, ‘Jesus saves’ and ‘God is good’ as we walked by. It was encouraging to hear people take advantage of the opportunity to vocally confess their faith.”

Rev. Bauer had something particularly in mind when he first thought of this idea: A young boy sees the cross coming down the street. He turns to his father and asks, “Dad, what's that?” The father — whoever he is — is then effectively forced to give some account of Jesus' death for the forgiveness of sins.

The group plans to continue this float for years to come.



Rev. Micah Bauer carries the cross during the SDSU Hobo Day parade.



## Let the building begin!

To celebrate the start of construction for its new site, Sioux Falls Lutheran School (SFLS) held a ceremonial groundbreaking at its current location with community members on Oct. 11.

The school's new 73,000 square-foot facility will sit upon a 30-acre campus, donated by Sanford Health, near 69th Street and Tallgrass Avenue. The building will accommodate more than

Rev. Darren Olson, South Dakota District executive secretary, leads the prayers at SFLS's groundbreaking.

100 new students and is slated to open during the fall semester of the 2019-20 school year.

November marked the start of the third and final year of SFLS's Our Greatest Gifts capital campaign. To date, the school has received \$5 million in matching funds from Sanford Health and more than \$3.9 million in cash gifts and pledges from generous donors. With current campaign contributions and pledges, it is likely that SFLS will have a post-construction loan from Lutheran Church Extension Fund of about \$4.9 million.

Founded in 1977, SFLS serves 300 students in 2-year-old preschool through eighth grade, with a commitment to develop capable, Christian servant-leaders in a complex world: “World Ready, Faith Secure.”

Visit [siouxfallslutheran.com/our-greatest-gifts](http://siouxfallslutheran.com/our-greatest-gifts) to view floor plans of the new site, learn more about this Gospel project or donate to the capital campaign.

# Here a stitch, there a stitch

**191** quilts in 2018!



The quilting group of Peace Lutheran Church, Rapid City, meets weekly and produces amazing quilts — and it had a successful 2018. The group made 191 quilts. Some were displayed on the pews at Peace on LWML Sunday. The quilts are given to local charities and Orphan Grain Train. To God be the glory for the talents of the women of Peace Lutheran Church.

## MESSAGE

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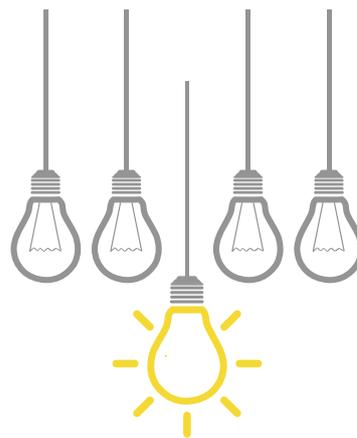
If you've been on a Holy Land tour, you no doubt have stopped at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. This is the church built over the place where, tradition says Jesus was born.

As you enter the church, you must bend down because the doorway is so low. The effect of this is to remind everyone that one is entering a holy place, that one must enter humbly with bended knee. For the Savior of the world was born at this location. The King of kings entered human space and time here in order to be the Door to forgiveness and life with Him forever.

He did this for me and you, and for church-door damagers, too.

Your servant in Christ,  
Pastor Scott Sailer

Rom. 1:16, 16:25-27 ... "not ashamed of the Gospel."



“I deserve to have the door to heaven shut for me. But thanks be to God! Jesus is the narrow Door to heaven . . . whoever enters through Him will be saved.”



## Send submissions for the district supplement to:

Vonda Sturzenbecher

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The deadline for the February 2019 issue is Dec. 15.

## Call Information



### ACCEPTED

- ▶ **Rev. Jason Letsche**, Blessed Redeemer, Brandon, accepted the call to First, Kingsley, Iowa, Sept. 21.
- ▶ **Rev. Levi Willms**, Bethany, Kaukauna, Wis., accepted the call of associate pastor to St. John's, Yankton, Sept. 25.
- ▶ **Rev. William Heerman**, Trinity, Amherst, Neb., accepted the call to St. John/Trinity, Wagner/Fairfax, Oct. 14.

### PENDING

- ▶ **Rev. Jason Duley**, St. Paul, Arlington, Neb., has been called to Memorial, Sioux Falls, as associate pastor, Oct. 14.

### DECLINED

- ▶ **Rev. Ryan Drevlow**, Our Redeemer, Sioux Falls, declined the call to St. Paul, Doniphan, Neb., Oct. 12.
- ▶ **Rev. Barry Williams**, St. John, Madison, Neb., declined a call from Zion, Chamberlain, Sept. 27.

### VACANCIES

- ▶ Chamberlain, Zion
- ▶ Cresbard/Wecota, Concordia/Immanuel
- ▶ Huron, Mount Calvary (*associate*)
- ▶ Leola, St. Paul
- ▶ Presho/Reliance, Zion/Trinity
- ▶ Rapid City, Zion (*associate*)
- ▶ Sioux Falls, Memorial (*associate*)
- ▶ Sioux Falls, Zion (*associate*)

*With love from Lisa*

## Advent blessings!

Dec. 2 marks the beginning of the Advent season, observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas, as well as the return of Jesus at the second coming.



**Lisa Asmus**  
LWML South Dakota  
District President

We don't often hear references to Advent in December; rather, Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays would be the greetings we hear. Then, as soon as Christmas Day is over and the presents are opened, the tree goes back into the box — or to the curb — and everything goes back to normal. However, the season of Christmas begins on Christmas Day!

In the following list that was given to me years ago,

each element in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" can be a code word for religious truth:

- Dec. 25:** The partridge in a pear tree is symbolic of Jesus and the wooden cross on which He died. The partridge will give its life to protect its chicks.
- Dec. 26:** Two turtledoves are the Old and New testaments.
- Dec. 27:** Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love.
- Dec. 28:** Four calling birds may represent the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- Dec. 29:** The five gold rings recall the Hebrew Torah (Law), or the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- Dec. 30:** The six geese a-laying



stand for the six days of creation.  
**Dec. 31:** The seven swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Spirit.

- Jan. 1:** The eight maids a-milking are the eight Beatitudes.
- Jan. 2:** Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Spirit.
- Jan. 3:** The 10 lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.
- Jan. 4:** Eleven pipers piping can represent the 11 faithful apostles.
- Jan. 5:** Twelve drummers drumming remind us of the 12 points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed.

I pray God's blessings to you and your family in this Advent season, and as we celebrate His birthday! Merry Christmas!

# WE WANT YOU!



As I look at my Christmas cactus waiting for the first bloom ... Christmas is almost here! The first bloom is always exciting for me as it reminds me of the holiday season, and that a new year is approaching.

The deadline for applications to be a Young Woman Representative (YWR) at the national convention, and to attend Heart to Heart Sisters (H2H) leader training, are fast approaching.

**The due date is Dec. 15.** So please plant your seed and apply. Also, please say a prayer for those who are applying, that they may bloom with Christ and LWML.

### YWRs

Are you age 22-35 and have not previously attended a national LWML con-

vention as a YWR? Here's an opportunity for you! We are looking for YWRs to attend the LWML 38th Biennial Convention June 20-23 in Mobile, Ala.

Please contact your society president if you or anyone you know would enjoy this opportunity. Applications may be found at [sdlwml.org](http://sdlwml.org). Find the link under "Special Focus Ministries."

### H2H Sisters

Would you like to connect other women leaders from ethnic LCMS congregations to the life and work of the LWML? We would love to have you attend the H2H leader training on behalf of the South Dakota District during convention.

Please fill out the H2H leader application found at [sdlwml.org](http://sdlwml.org) (under "Special Focus Ministries") if you would like to be considered for this program.

Mail applications to Melissa Brock, 620 N. Harrison, Pierre, SD 57501; or email to [melissa\\_b\\_brock@hotmail.com](mailto:melissa_b_brock@hotmail.com).

### Nyla Jurrens

VP of Special Focus Ministries

# WORKSHOP REPORT

Just as the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness as punishment for their blasphemy against God and Moses, Rev. Timothy Koch, pastor, Emanuel, Milbank, reminded workshop attendees that we too wander in sin, grumble and are in need of salvation! We graciously receive the salvation we so desperately need from God's Word and Sacraments. And we have many opportunities to share that Good News with others!

There were 170 people from 40 congregations who attended the Fall Christian Life Workshops in Spearfish, Murdo, Canistota and Wecota. Donations to cover the workshop expenses totaled \$1,063, and \$833 was donated for mites. Thanks be to God for another opportunity to have fellowship together, to grow in our faith and to serve one another!

### Debbie Sattgast

VP or Christian Life

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

# Sing to the Lord!

The Gradual appointed for Christmas is taken from Is. 9:6:

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”



**Rev. Daniel Grimmer**

LWML District Counselor

And Ps. 98:1a:

“Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!”

The first passage from Isaiah is probably very familiar to us. This is one

of the most explicit prophecies in the Old Testament on the coming of Jesus, which is saying a lot since all of the Old Testament points to the redemption that was to come in Him. It's a passage that is often read by the kids in the Christmas pageant, it's on the front of Christmas cards, and it's found in some Christmas songs. It definitely makes us think of Christmas. But the second passage from Psalm 98 is probably less likely to make us think about the birth of Christ.

Nevertheless, the two passages do fit together. Ps. 98:1a is our appropriate response to what God has done in sending His Son Jesus in the flesh as the redeemer of the world. In the rest of Psalm 98, it's made clear that as God's people we sing and rejoice because the

Lord has remembered His people, and revealed His righteousness and salvation to all the earth.

Following the practice of God's people of old, Christians have a strong tradition of making music and singing in response to the great things God has done in and through Jesus Christ. If you're anything like me, one of your favorite times to sing is during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Knowing that God loved us so much that He would become a human being — as even a zygote in the womb of Mary — so that He could be a fitting sacrifice for our sins moves us to sing to the Lord a new song for the marvelous things He has done.

It also helps us to remember that in Jesus there is salvation for all humanity, and God graciously uses us to proclaim that salvation to people all around the world. Through the various missionary projects the LWML supports, we help to proclaim the marvelous things the Lord has done so that together with us, people from every tribe, language, nation and race might sing to the Lord a new song.



Rev. Timothy Koch makes a presentation at a Christian Life Workshop.



## Mission grant delivered!

Ann Cruse (standing, second from right), VP of Gospel Outreach, delivered a mission grant to Mount Calvary Preschool, Huron, to be used for interpreters for students of Karen and Hispanic languages.

# Blessings in Black Hawk

Divine Shepherd Early Childhood Center, Black Hawk, received a mission grant to help with expanding enrollment. Presenting the check were Lisa Ausmus (standing, third from left), LWML district president, and Debbie Sattgast (fourth from right), VP of Christian Life.



## News from the Milbank Zone

As I write this, we are looking forward to a new grandchild in October and celebrating Thanksgiving with our three daughters, their spouses and 12 grandchildren in Montana! You are reading this after it has happened, God willing.

We have so many reasons to be thankful. And now we look forward to what we are most thankful for — the birth of our Savior! As we anticipate Christmas, may we truly be thankful for the gift of each new day and the blessings associated with it. Sunshine, rain, snow, health, family, home, warm clothing and above all, faith in the Triune God, are just a few of the things that have blessed my life.

LWML friends that meet together weekly for Bible study and fellowship are another special blessing. Our favorite author, Donna Pyle, digs deep into Scripture so that we can grow and learn. We are excited to go to [lwml.org/bible-studies](http://lwml.org/bible-studies) and find another downloadable study to use.

I wish I knew where I read this so I could give credit to the author I am paraphrasing: "What would I have today if it depended on what I thanked God for yesterday?" Thank you God for your mercy and grace that you give each day.

**Susan Magedanz**  
Milbank Zone president



Milbank Zone members assembled layettes and mercy meals for Orphan Grain Train.

## Mercy for parents in need

Zion Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, collected 9,331 Diapers for the 2018 Diaper Derby. The diapers were taken to the Alpha Center.



# Jesus, for **ALL** the children



By Rev. Caleb Schewe

Pastoral Adviser to  
Lutherans For Life of South Dakota, Inc.

“And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.” —**MARK 10:13**

**O**ur churches don't have that problem today. Our congregations are happy to have children. Children mean Christmas programs, Sunday schools, VBS' and confirmation classes. Our congregations are so eager to have children present that we turn them into idols. We silently confess that childless churches are dead churches. You know this. You've done it. “Our congregation is an older congregation.” “We don't have (m)any young people.” “If we could just get a younger pastor who understands the younger generation, then we'll have more youth in our church.”

Repent of idolizing the youth.

The words of Jesus to us might go something like, “Let the elderly, the shut-in, the sick that you shuttle to the earthly physician but fail to bring to the Great Physician, come to me and do not hinder them by saying they're too much of a burden.” We should strive to gather more shut-ins into church. Don't assume that the pastor is visiting them, and even if he is, don't assume that they're satisfied with a “Divine Service lite.”

As you're able, bring them to church. Work out a rotation of people to bring them so that they see the lectern, the

pulpit, the font and the altar that they cherish and miss. Let them hear congregational singing once again. You were once young and difficult for your parents to bring to church. They brought you. Now your parents are old and difficult for you to bring to church. Bring them.

“Let the little children come to me,” says the Lord. Let those who are least in our congregations, those who served years ago as elders and Sunday school teachers and trustees, those who once stood in the pews and are now forgotten by most in the nursing home, let these dear children hear and see Jesus.

The joy is that you are God's little child. That's all that you are. A little child, who needs your Lord to wipe your nose and cleanse the filthy waste of your sins, who needs Jesus to spoon feed you the truth of His Word and dress you in His righteousness. Jesus loves the little children, whether they be less than one pound or surpassing 400 pounds. He loves the little children, be they just conceived in the womb or having both legs in the tomb.

Jesus puts no stumbling block in your way. You are His child, however you have been a hindrance to others. You are the little child of Jesus, for whom He became man, suffered, died and rose. You are His forgiven child. He wraps His arms of mercy around you, prays over you and blesses you.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Annual meeting

The annual meeting of Lutherans For Life of South Dakota, Inc., will be held at 1 p.m. on Jan. 5 at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 688 Dakota Ave. South, Huron.



All friends of life are invited and encouraged to attend for this time of sharing, learning and fellowship. All Life Teams and Life Chapters are urged to bring a report of 2018 activities. A business meeting and program will be held.

The regular quarterly Board of Directors meeting will follow the annual meeting. The snow date is Jan. 19.

## DECEMBER PRAYER LIST



### End of the year

**First week:** For all who feel uncertain about their future, that God would remind them that He is in control and has a plan for their lives.

**Second week:** For those that have experienced many changes this year, that they may rely on God, who never changes.

**Third week:** For Christians, that we may feel compelled to live our daily lives for Christ and be willing to share that Good News of Jesus with others.

**Fourth week:** That Christmas may be a time of rejoicing for all as we celebrate the real reason for the season.

**Every week:** For Lutherans For Life, that its work and desires may be one with God's will as we all face life decisions throughout all stages.

# MISSION RECEIPTS

## LCMS South Dakota District Congregational Year-to-Date Report of Mission Receipts for the nine months ending Oct. 14, 2018, compared to the nine months ending Oct. 14, 2017

| City, Congregation             | Comm. Members | 2018 Intention   | 9 months 2018    | 9 months 2017    | Avg/Per 2018 | Comm. 2017   | City, Congregation               | Comm. Members    | 2018 Intention   | 9 months 2018    | 9 months 2017    | Avg/Per 2018 | Comm. 2017   |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Circuit 1 — Aberdeen</b>    |               |                  |                  |                  |              |              | <b>Circuit 5 — Mitchell</b>      |                  |                  |                  |                  |              |              |
| Aberdeen, Our Savior           | 321           | —                | 4,785            | 5,522            | 14.91        | 17.20        | Armour, Redeemer                 | 220              | 7,500            | 5,625            | 6,625            | 25.57        | 30.11        |
| Aberdeen, St. John             | 86            | 12,000           | 15,088           | 12,777           | 175.44       | 148.57       | Chamberlain, Zion                | 407              | —                | 10,186           | 9,367            | 25.03        | 23.01        |
| Aberdeen, St. Paul             | 831           | 45,000           | 28,021           | 34,170           | 33.72        | 41.12        | Delmont, Zion                    | 155              | 16,000           | 12,000           | 12,000           | 77.42        | 77.42        |
| Andover, Zion                  | 106           | —                | 1,025            | 1,220            | 9.67         | 11.51        | Dimock, Immanuel                 | 171              | 19,000           | 14,009           | 16,869           | 81.92        | 98.65        |
| Britton, St. John              | 153           | 6,000            | 6,000            | 6,525            | 39.22        | 42.65        | Emery, St. Peter                 | 72               | 5,000            | 5,354            | 5,063            | 74.36        | 70.32        |
| Columbia, St. John             | 108           | 7,500            | 5,675            | 5,620            | 52.55        | 52.04        | Gregory, St. John                | 264              | —                | 2,750            | 2,750            | 10.42        | 10.42        |
| Cresbard, Concordia            | 53            | —                | 3,023            | 2,180            | 57.04        | 41.13        | Hamill, Zion                     | 34               | 1,000            | —                | 2,003            | —            | 58.91        |
| Doland, Redeemer               | 43            | —                | 1,500            | 1,500            | 34.88        | 34.88        | Huron, Mount Calvary             | 775              | 70,000           | 37,635           | 44,491           | 48.56        | 57.41        |
| Ferney, St. Paul               | 170           | —                | 2,000            | 4,000            | 11.76        | 23.53        | Mitchell, Zion                   | 655              | 29,350           | 24,470           | 22,005           | 37.36        | 33.60        |
| Groton, St. John               | 293           | 15,000           | 14,941           | 16,806           | 50.99        | 57.36        | Parkston, Faith                  | 195              | —                | 7,650            | 6,800            | 39.23        | 34.87        |
| Leola, St. Paul                | 69            | 500              | —                | 200              | —            | 2.90         | Plankinton, St. Paul             | 177              | —                | 6,000            | 6,000            | 33.90        | 33.90        |
| Mansfield, Trinity             | 276           | 23,500           | 16,493           | 17,491           | 59.76        | 63.37        | Tripp, Emmaus                    | 127              | 10,000           | 3,500            | 7,500            | 27.56        | 59.06        |
| Redfield, Messiah              | 152           | 500              | —                | —                | —            | —            | White Lake, Trinity              | 123              | 8,000            | 7,290            | 7,715            | 59.27        | 62.72        |
| Stratford, St. Paul            | 46            | —                | 4,000            | 3,000            | 86.96        | 65.22        | Wessington Springs, Zion         | 78               | —                | 650              | 650              | 8.33         | 8.33         |
| Wecota, Immanuel               | 83            | 6,474            | 10,420           | 8,010            | 125.54       | 96.51        | Winner, Christ                   | 68               | 2,000            | 1,000            | 1,500            | 14.71        | 22.06        |
| <b>Circuit 1 Totals</b>        | <b>2,790</b>  | <b>\$116,474</b> | <b>\$112,971</b> | <b>\$119,021</b> | <b>40.49</b> | <b>42.66</b> | Wolsey, St. John                 | 216              | 13,400           | 5,081            | 5,355            | 23.52        | 24.79        |
| <b>Circuit 2 — Watertown</b>   |               |                  |                  |                  |              |              | <b>Circuit 5 Totals</b>          |                  |                  |                  |                  |              |              |
| Aurora, First English          | 32            | 1,500            | 745              | 1,524            | 23.28        | 47.63        | <b>3,748</b>                     | <b>\$181,250</b> | <b>\$143,200</b> | <b>\$156,693</b> | <b>38.21</b>     | <b>41.81</b> |              |
| Brookings, Mount Calvary       | 362           | —                | 27,079           | 19,329           | 74.80        | 53.40        | <b>Circuit 6 — Freeman</b>       |                  |                  |                  |                  |              |              |
| Brookings, Peace               | 216           | —                | 5,453            | 5,262            | 25.25        | 24.36        | Alexandria, St. Martin           | 81               | —                | —                | —                | —            | —            |
| Corona, Trinity                | 147           | 2,000            | 2,287            | 2,068            | 15.56        | 14.07        | Canistota, Zion                  | 225              | —                | 1,060            | 3,324            | 4.71         | 14.77        |
| Flandreau, Redeemer            | 44            | 3,000            | 2,250            | 2,250            | 51.14        | 51.14        | Emery, St. John                  | 51               | —                | —                | —                | —            | —            |
| Milbank, Bethlehem             | 61            | 500              | —                | —                | —            | —            | Freeman, St. Paul                | 271              | 9,000            | 6,115            | 6,991            | 22.56        | 25.80        |
| Milbank, Emanuel               | 591           | —                | 17,129           | 19,818           | 28.98        | 33.53        | Hartford, Trinity                | 100              | 2,500            | 1,250            | 1,875            | 12.50        | 18.75        |
| Reville, St. John              | 130           | 8,000            | 4,262            | 4,382            | 32.78        | 33.71        | Howard, St. John                 | 118              | —                | —                | —                | —            | —            |
| Sisseton, Emanuel              | 161           | 4,400            | 2,039            | 2,426            | 12.66        | 15.07        | Madison, Our Savior              | 237              | 2,000            | 1,400            | 2,805            | 5.91         | 11.84        |
| Watertown, Mount Olive         | 373           | 30,700           | 23,025           | 21,630           | 61.73        | 57.99        | Marion, Bethesda                 | 65               | —                | —                | 2,500            | —            | 38.46        |
| Waubay, Zion                   | 118           | —                | 3,614            | 3,281            | 30.63        | 27.81        | Menno, Immanuel                  | 92               | —                | 2,587            | 2,275            | 28.12        | 24.73        |
| White, Zion                    | 87            | 3,500            | 3,040            | 1,927            | 34.94        | 22.15        | Montrose, St. John               | 86               | —                | —                | —                | —            | —            |
| Wilmot, Our Savior             | 174           | 4,500            | 4,268            | 2,820            | 24.53        | 16.21        | Parker, First English            | 37               | —                | 388              | 1,459            | 10.49        | 39.43        |
| <b>Circuit 2 Totals</b>        | <b>2,496</b>  | <b>\$58,100</b>  | <b>\$95,191</b>  | <b>\$86,717</b>  | <b>38.14</b> | <b>34.74</b> | Scotland, St. Paul               | 37               | 600              | 450              | 900              | 12.16        | 24.32        |
| <b>Circuit 3 — Pierre</b>      |               |                  |                  |                  |              |              | <b>Circuit 6 Totals</b>          |                  |                  |                  |                  |              |              |
| Blunt, Trinity                 | 38            | —                | 2,000            | 2,000            | 52.63        | 52.63        | Spencer, Trinity                 | 71               | 2,000            | 220              | 845              | 3.10         | 11.90        |
| Draper, St. Paul               | 21            | 250              | 1,379            | 500              | 65.67        | 23.81        | Wentworth, St. Peter             | 182              | 7,600            | 6,525            | 5,960            | 35.85        | 32.75        |
| Gettysburg, Emmanuel           | 240           | 6,500            | 3,003            | —                | 12.51        | —            | <b>1,653</b>                     | <b>\$23,700</b>  | <b>\$19,995</b>  | <b>\$28,934</b>  | <b>12.10</b>     | <b>17.50</b> |              |
| Harrold, Immanuel              | 19            | 600              | —                | 250              | —            | 13.16        | <b>Circuit 7 — Sioux Falls</b>   |                  |                  |                  |                  |              |              |
| Lebanon, Christ                | 23            | —                | —                | 385              | —            | 16.74        | Brandon, Blessed Redeemer        | 302              | 13,200           | 8,800            | 8,800            | 29.14        | 29.14        |
| Midland, St. Peter             | 40            | 3,000            | 2,847            | 3,157            | 71.18        | 78.93        | Sioux Falls, Christ              | 98               | 1,500            | 375              | 1,125            | 3.83         | 11.48        |
| Murdo, Messiah                 | 78            | 3,000            | —                | 1,400            | —            | 17.95        | Sioux Falls, Faith               | 593              | 42,000           | 31,500           | 31,500           | 53.12        | 53.12        |
| Norris, St. John               | 64            | —                | 290              | 950              | 4.53         | 14.84        | Sioux Falls, Lord of Life        | 173              | —                | 9,623            | 10,867           | 55.62        | 62.82        |
| Onida, Holy Cross              | 110           | 1,600            | 1,600            | 1,600            | 14.55        | 14.55        | Sioux Falls, Memorial            | 718              | —                | 18,077           | 20,541           | 25.18        | 28.61        |
| Pierre, Faith                  | 1,499         | 45,000           | 34,242           | 30,744           | 22.84        | 20.51        | Sioux Falls, Our Redeemer        | 317              | —                | 13,469           | 15,133           | 42.49        | 47.74        |
| Presho, Zion                   | 97            | 1,000            | —                | —                | —            | —            | Sioux Falls, Resurrection        | 230              | —                | 11,250           | 11,250           | 48.91        | 48.91        |
| Reliance, Trinity              | 39            | —                | —                | —                | —            | —            | Sioux Falls, Trinity of The Deaf | 35               | —                | —                | —                | —            | —            |
| Rosebud, Rosebud Mission       | —             | —                | 1,099            | 1,037            | —            | —            | Sioux Falls, Zion                | 653              | 47,000           | 46,000           | 44,000           | 70.44        | 67.38        |
| <b>Circuit 3 Totals</b>        | <b>2,268</b>  | <b>\$60,950</b>  | <b>\$46,460</b>  | <b>\$42,023</b>  | <b>20.49</b> | <b>18.53</b> | Tea, Risen Savior                | 92               | 7,600            | 6,503            | 6,056            | 70.68        | 65.83        |
| <b>Circuit 4 — Black Hills</b> |               |                  |                  |                  |              |              | <b>Circuit 7 Totals</b>          |                  |                  |                  |                  |              |              |
| Black Hawk, Divine Shepherd    | 378           | 10,000           | —                | 9,000            | —            | 23.81        | <b>3,211</b>                     | <b>\$111,300</b> | <b>\$145,597</b> | <b>\$149,272</b> | <b>45.34</b>     | <b>46.49</b> |              |
| Creighton, Emmanuel            | 53            | —                | 450              | 355              | 8.49         | 6.70         | <b>Circuit 8 — Yankton</b>       |                  |                  |                  |                  |              |              |
| Custer, Our Redeemer           | 196           | 6,000            | 4,500            | 4,500            | 22.96        | 22.96        | Alcester, Peace                  | 126              | 3,000            | 2,634            | 2,157            | 20.90        | 17.12        |
| Deadwood, Grace                | 109           | 2,600            | 1,950            | 1,733            | 17.89        | 15.90        | Avon, Zion                       | 180              | 5,000            | 3,785            | 3,468            | 21.03        | 19.27        |
| Hill City, Our Savior          | 29            | —                | —                | —                | —            | —            | Centerville, First English       | 101              | 2,000            | 1,119            | 1,693            | 11.08        | 16.76        |
| Hot Springs, Bethesda          | 301           | —                | 4,677            | 5,401            | 15.54        | 17.94        | Dakota Dunes, Holy Cross         | 163              | 25,050           | 15,801           | 15,396           | 96.94        | 94.45        |
| Philip, Our Redeemer           | 50            | —                | —                | 150              | —            | 3.00         | Fairfax, Trinity                 | 74               | 4,000            | 4,000            | 4,000            | 54.05        | 54.05        |
| Rapid City, Bethlehem          | 460           | 27,371           | 20,528           | 20,158           | 44.63        | 43.82        | Hurley, Zion                     | 40               | 2,700            | 1,428            | 1,639            | 35.70        | 40.98        |
| Rapid City, Our Redeemer       | 119           | 1,800            | 3,873            | 1,200            | 32.55        | 10.08        | Springfield, Our Savior          | 26               | 100              | —                | —                | —            | —            |
| Rapid City, Peace              | 514           | —                | 14,316           | 14,321           | 27.85        | 27.86        | Tyndall, St. John                | 169              | 2,000            | —                | 500              | —            | 2.96         |
| Rapid City, Zion               | 949           | 8,500            | 6,625            | 6,425            | 6.98         | 6.77         | Utica, Martinus                  | 65               | —                | 1,126            | 1,458            | 17.32        | 22.43        |
| Spearfish, St. Paul            | 365           | 40,000           | 40,000           | 40,000           | 109.59       | 109.59       | Vermillion, Concordia            | 73               | —                | 5,400            | 4,500            | 73.97        | 61.64        |
| Sturgis, Blessed Emmanuel      | 27            | 600              | 1,985            | 1,155            | 73.52        | 42.78        | Wagner, St. John                 | 259              | —                | 6,750            | 9,000            | 26.06        | 34.75        |
| Wall, First                    | 221           | 2,100            | 2,686            | 2,100            | 12.15        | 9.50         | Yankton, St. John                | 1,096            | —                | 35,333           | 37,637           | 32.24        | 34.34        |
| <b>Circuit 4 Totals</b>        | <b>3,771</b>  | <b>\$98,971</b>  | <b>\$101,590</b> | <b>\$106,498</b> | <b>26.94</b> | <b>28.24</b> | <b>Circuit 8 Totals</b>          | <b>2,372</b>     | <b>\$43,850</b>  | <b>\$77,376</b>  | <b>\$81,448</b>  | <b>32.62</b> | <b>34.34</b> |
| <b>GRAND TOTALS</b>            |               |                  |                  |                  |              |              |                                  | <b>22,309</b>    | <b>\$694,595</b> | <b>\$742,380</b> | <b>\$770,606</b> | <b>33.28</b> | <b>34.54</b> |

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