



# How are your gifts supporting the sharing of God's Word in the Nebraska District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod?

## Nebraska District Quick Facts:



**103,751**  
baptized members



**243**  
congregations



**232**  
active pastors



**The Nebraska District is in the top 5 in providing financial support to Synod**

## Your District Ministries:



### Hispanic Ministry

**Cristo Cordero de Dios** in Grand Island is an LCMS congregation reaching the Hispanic population in that community.

**Columbus Lutheran Hispanic Ministry** is a partnership with LCMS congregations in Columbus.



### Specialized Ministry

Ministry to the people in the **Sandhills** of Western Nebraska, reaches out to the farmers and ranchers that live in isolated areas.

**Native American ministry** on the Winnebago Reservation is done through Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Outreach.



### Campus Ministry

**University Lutheran Chapel** in Lincoln, **Living Water Campus Ministry** in Omaha, **Cup of Grace** in Wayne, and **Holy Cross Campus Ministry** in Kearney provide a connection to the Lutheran church for students who are away from their home congregations, reach out to the unchurched, and have the opportunity to reach out to some of the 5,200+ international students from more than a hundred countries who study in Nebraska.



### Immigrant & Refugee Ministry

The **Peace International Friendship Center, Omaha**, is a place where immigrants and refugees can learn English, prepare for U.S. citizenship, gain useful skills and make lasting friendships in a Christian environment. People from many immigrant and refugee groups are served there, including Hispanic, African (especially Ethiopian and Sudanese), Middle Eastern, and Asian. The staff at the Center are also connecting with other Omaha congregations, working together to make the Peace Center a hub of care and compassion for the many immigrants in and around the Omaha area.

**Your gifts and prayers support this mission and ministry work in Nebraska. Thank you!**

Hear about what's happening in your District! Visit our website to sign up to get the Reporter by email, or sign up for the Weekly Update email.

Visit the *We Engage* section of our website for information on getting to know your community, outreach events and everyday witnessing. Learn about setting up a congregational history wall. Get strategies for witnessing, asset mapping, or holding community surveys. Learn how your congregation can adopt a District ministry, or assess what ministry you can start to serve others in your community.

[ndlcms.org/we-engage/](http://ndlcms.org/we-engage/)

Lutheran Church Extension Fund offers churches, schools, and daycare centers loans to purchase property, construct a new facility or renovate an existing facility. LCEF can assist congregations with setting up automated giving through Joyful Response. Individuals who invest with LCEF provide for the creation and growth of congregations and ministries across the country, empowering ministries with every dollar invested.

# When you look around your community, which of the following would you say is true?

- A** Everyone in my community is in church on Sunday mornings
- B** Almost everyone in my community is in church on Sunday mornings
- C** Everyone I know goes to church on Sunday mornings
- D** Almost no one in my community is in church on Sunday mornings



## 10.5% of students enrolled in Nebraska District LCMS schools are unchurched

<b>35</b>	<b>Early childhood centers</b> 3086 students
<b>33</b>	<b>Elementary schools</b> 3096 students
<b>4</b>	<b>High schools</b> 659 students
<b>1</b>	<b>University</b> 2,757 students

**Only 39% of adults in Nebraska go to any church each week**

The picture in the LCMS congregations of the Nebraska District isn't much different. On an average Sunday, **only 33% of baptized members** attend a worship service.

### Your Community... God's Mission

It is a great time to be the Church! God sends His people into the World to shine His light and spread His message of salvation through Jesus Christ. There are opportunities in every community in Nebraska to serve our neighbors and share the Good News. There are also opportunities to embrace and welcome those from our congregations who are disconnected from the church.

The Nebraska District Office offers many different resources to equip and encourage congregations and members to join together in worship and the study of God's Word, to support each other as brothers and sisters in faith, and to be out in their communities to engage those who are unchurched or disconnected through acts of mercy and words of grace. Visit [www.ndlcms.org/we-engage/](http://www.ndlcms.org/we-engage/) to see these resources.

The need for childcare and education gives us the opportunity to reach out and serve our communities. Early childhood centers are an opportunity to meet an important need in the community by providing safe, affordable childcare options, and to connect with families who might otherwise remain unconnected to the church. Child care is a necessity for working parents and there is a shortage of quality options. Many are willing to fund the cost of a faith-based experience for their child. By learning about and connecting with their communities, individuals and congregations have incredible opportunities to build relationships, serve their neighbors, and share the hope that Christ has given us.

### 70% of young people between 17 and 19 years old fall away from regular church attendance

Campus ministries can help keep students connected to the Body of Christ through regular worship opportunities, Bible studies, relationships with mature Christians, and fellowship in a Christian atmosphere. Campus ministries in Kearney, Lincoln, Omaha and Wayne give students a place to connect with ministry leaders and other Lutherans while growing in their personal relationship with Christ during their time away at college.

**Campus ministry is also an opportunity to meet and serve international students who don't yet know Jesus as their Savior. Campus outreach allows Lutheran students and campus ministry staff to build relationships and share the Gospel message, especially with students who might never hear that message in their home country.**

