

Report of the SELC_LWML District President

The convention that was scheduled for September 11,12 &13 has been cancelled. We will try to have a zoom meeting shortly.

Our biggest problem will be trying to get new officers and also delegates for the next National LWML Convention to be held in Lexington, KENTUCKY.

Thank you to Pastor Paul Hoyer for his response to our Grant Proposals.

Your sister in Christ,

Milly Kwiatkowski

September 2020

Financial Secretary's Summary Report

SELC District Receipts for Missions

Based on the mission receipts from the churches in the SELC District through August 2020, the summary information is as follows:

- The mission contributions received from congregations during August were **\$29,822 which is 68%** of the budgeted monthly goal of \$44,015.
- The total mission contributions from all sources during August totaled **\$29,823 which is 57%** of the monthly budget.
- A total of \$395,866 has been received **year to date which is 95% of the budgeted receipts.**
- 44 of the 54 congregations in our district submitted contributions toward their 2020 mission goals.
- 12 churches have already submitted their entire pledge for 2020.
- During August, \$48,000 was transferred to the checking account managed by the treasurer.

The churches that are furthest behind their 2020 mission goals are:

Eastern Circuit: Zion - Clark (\$3,750), St Stephens - Dickson City (\$3,074), St Paul - Westport (\$1,458)

Central Circuit: St John - Massillon (\$5,344), Grace - Lakewood (\$2,400), John Huss - Arnold (\$1,977)

Western Circuit: Zion - Norridge (\$14,667), Dr Martin Luther - Chicago (\$2,843)

Southern Circuit: theCross - Mt Dora (\$3,953), Family of Christ - Tampa (\$3,891), Faith – Viera (\$2,500)

Circuit	Monthly Budget	August Receipts	Y-T-D Budget	Receipts Thru Aug.	Y-T-D % of 2020 Budget
Eastern	\$7,009	\$2,903	\$56,072	\$45,074	80%
Central	\$5,189	\$3,383	\$41,512	\$32,689	79%
Western	\$8,276	\$4,861	\$66,208	\$46,976	71%
Southern	\$23,541	\$18,676	\$188,328	\$178,926	95%
SubTotal - Congregations	\$44,015	\$29,822	\$352,120	\$303,665	86%
Total - 2020 Budget	\$52,333	\$29,823	\$418,667	\$395,866	95%

SELCDISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2020

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · CASH

10500 · CHASE BANK 12,929.53

10550 · CHASE BANK, ILLINOIS - SAVINGS 2,086.33

10595 · STEWARD ACCOUNT - LCEF

10596 · RESTRICTED CASH - HURRICANE -789.00

10597 · RESTRICTED CASH - MISSIONS -82,082.01

10599 · RESTRICTED CASH - BRECKENRIDGE -6,771.04

10595 · STEWARD ACCOUNT - LCEF - Other 872,826.73

Total 10595 · STEWARD ACCOUNT - LCEF 783,184.68

Total 10000 · CASH 798,200.54

Total Checking/Savings 798,200.54

Other Current Assets

11600 · INVESTMENTS

11616 · LCEF CERTIFICATE-0228 10,000.00

11618 · LCEF CERIFICATE-0078 5,000.00

Total 11600 · INVESTMENTS 15,000.00

Total Other Current Assets 15,000.00

Total Current Assets 813,200.54

Other Assets

16004 · RESTRICTED CASH- HURRICANE 789.00

16005 · RESTRICTED CASH- MISSIONS 82,082.01

16009 · RESTRICTED CASH - BRECKENRIDGE 6,771.04

Total Other Assets 89,642.05

TOTAL ASSETS 902,842.59

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

3900 · Retained Earnings 107,877.83

39000 · UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 728,627.13

Net Income 66,337.63

Total Equity 902,842.59

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 902,842.59

Southern Circuit Visitor Report, September 2020

On Sunday, January 26, Faith Lutheran Church – Wesley Chapel (Tampa) celebrated their Charter as an independent congregation of the LC-MS with a special worship. Also, at that service, Rev. Kurt Steinbrueck was installed as pastor of the new congregation.

With the addition of Faith Lutheran Church – Wesley Chapel, the Southern Circuit has 7 independent congregations.

Rev. John Elliott and Rev. Lawton Thompson, from St. Luke's, finished their seminary SMP course work and have received their official certification.

Rev. Lawton Thompson has decided to pursue full pastoral certification at the St. Louis seminary. He, along with his family moved to St. Louis in June and he has entered the residential program.

The Southern Circuit has weathered the COVID-19 pandemic fairly well. Most of the congregations already had online streaming capability before the lockdown, so adjusting to online only was not difficult. The rest of the congregations, which were not online prior, quickly adapted. The pastors used personal technology to record sermons and/or provide worship remotely. As a result, all of our congregations were providing worship for their members throughout the lockdown.

During this pandemic, the Southern Circuit has met virtually. It has been a blessing and a challenge to reopen and maintain worship within the required restrictions.

Family of Christ – West, Tampa, FL conducted its last worship service on August 30. The property has been sold and the congregation is closed. The decision to close the congregation occurred prior to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Rev. Ethan Spira, who was previously serving at Holy Cross, Lake Mary, and Holy Cross Lutheran Academy has accepted a call to Indiana.

Ms. Sydney Kertz accepted a call to serve as Director of Christian Education at theCross, Mt. Dora, FL.

Rev. James Hernandez was installed as pastor at Hope Lutheran, Melbourne, FL on September 13. The installation service was conducted at neighboring Faith Lutheran, Viera, FL due to seating restriction at Hope. Pastor Hernandez was previously serving in Denver, CO.

I have been actively working with LC-MS OIM in Latin America to establish and support a national Lutheran Church in Honduras. I am pleased to report that the legal documents establishing an official Lutheran church body in Honduras have recently been approved. There

is now a legally recognized church body in Honduras called, the "Misión Evangélica Luterana Confesional en Honduras."

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Roberts



Greetings from Lutheran Haven!

As I am sure has been the case with our other ministry partners, the corona virus has had a profound and lasting impact on Lutheran Haven. But even as we face the devastating effects of this pandemic we see our Lord and Savior continually blessing us in so many ways. Our residents and staff take comfort in this and use it to strengthen their resolve that we will not only survive this pandemic, but come out stronger than before.

A few examples of these blessings are:

- We have not yet had a resident contract COVID—thanks be to God!
- One of our assisted living residents reached out to our Director of Spiritual care because she wanted to anonymously share her stimulus check. She specifically asked that the check be used for staff members in need. We identified three team members, each with very different circumstances, who had an urgent need. What a joy and blessing it was to reach out to these three team members and share the love of this dear resident who loves because He first loved us.
- One of our Landings chefs was exposed to the virus, and was required to self-quarantine. He had been homeless and had recently been able to remedy his living situation, but his finances were still incredibly challenged. When he couldn't work for weeks, he was defeated and heartbroken. Fortunately, our ministry partners at St. Luke's offered to assist him from their benevolence fund, and he was amazed at the care and generosity of God's people.
- In the midst of all of the chaos, folks are still choosing the Haven to be their home. We have had multiple residential move-ins and have filled the final vacancy at the Landings.

Our Haven team is unbeatable and care so much for our residents across all our levels of service. All of our residents have had to adjust to the inconvenience of social distancing as most of us have and many face the additional stress of not being able to have physical contact with their family and friends who are in our Healthcare facilities which are in lockdown. So close, but yet so far away.

Our wonderful staff have been so creative in coming up with ways to help minimize the impact of these conditions while maintaining the safety of everyone involved as evidenced by:

- Our Resident Life Coordinator is still scheduling small, socially distant activities for groups of ten or less; and is spearheading a resident "cottage industry" that has not only made masks for staff and residents to use but is also now making seasonal wreaths for residents of our healthcare facilities.
- Our Fitness Coordinator has made special supervised work-out times for residents so that it is staff monitored, attended, and sanitized for groups of three; we still have group exercises for 10 or less, and are offering shorter classes more often to accommodate all who wish to participate.
- Our ministry partners at St. Luke's host a daily devotion and Sunday services on line, which are available to all residents, and Pastor Elliott continues to work with residents and staff to encourage and uphold each one.
- The nursing home and assisted living staff have organized hallway Bingo games and a hallway sing-along led by our Deaconess Intern. This is only one way we can properly social-distance in the nursing home when everyone wants to participate. In addition we have a very robust and effective "Tele-Visit" program allowing residents

and loved ones multiple ways to connect electronically via Face-Time, Skype and other online forms of video streaming.

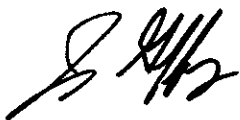
- Dining services has taken residents outside to the courtyard for breakfast—each resident at their own table, and repeated the exercise with a different group for lunch, giving the residents a much-needed change of scenery.
- Our IT department, in addition to helping setup the Tele-Visit program, rigged up a portable production studio so that we can hold virtual Town Meetings with residents; residents are grateful, and even use our “call-in line” where we put them “on the air” to ask questions or get clarifications.
- Our staff educator, took the time, much effort and rallied the supplies and the maintenance team to install additional TVs in the memory care Lodge, providing the residents with DVDs personalized for their interests to encourage them to hunker down in their rooms, as is mandated by current regulations.
- Our Home Health and Bee Well clinic team made bottled hand sanitizer spray to distribute, and continue daily to perform wellness checks on our residents and support them in a variety of ways.

Financially we have had a very tough year and as we begin our new fiscal year, we go in knowing that it will be challenging as well. But here again, we look for God’s blessings, past and present, and find it in the leadership and stewardship of past Haven leaders who built a solid financial foundation. We see it in the present in the form of stimulus funds, paycheck protection program funds and the generosity of others. God is good!

In summary, this is a time of change at the Haven. In addition to the changes we face due to the pandemic, our leader for the past 8 years, Linda Kirk retired at the end of August. Under Linda’s leadership the Haven’s mission and ministry reached new heights. The impact she had on the lives of residents, staff and on the Haven itself will be felt for many, many years to come. To paraphrase the words of our Board of Trustees Chair, Susan Hanas, while presenting Linda with a plaque and gift with the word “Blessed” on them, “... her faithful service, her Christian witness, bear witness to the fact that not only has the Lord blessed her, but has blessed the Lutheran Haven and us through her.” While one door has closed at the Haven with Linda’s official retirement, we have not truly lost her as another one has opened; Lutheran Haven will soon be welcoming Linda and her husband Norm as new Haven residents!

We appreciate your prayers for Lutheran Haven, and we are praying for you and your ministries as well—for health and peace in these changing and turbulent times.

We are indeed blessed by an Awesome God!



Jerry Griffing

CEO

SELC District Professional Church Workers' Conference

September 2020

Rev. Christopher Cahill, DMin., Ministerial Care Coordinator

Dear Co-Workers in Christ's Vineyard:

As the Ministerial Care Coordinator for the SELC District, I attended and worked on the following events and projects since our last Professional Church Workers' Conference in Parma, Ohio, in May 2019:

1. **SELC District Board of Directors meetings** in various locations, including ZOOM, May 7-8 & June 20, 2019; January 28-29, June 23, and September 30 2020.
2. **SELC District Professional Church Workers' Conferences** May 5-7, 2019, and September 29, 2020
3. Various meetings, conferences, and planning committee meetings for the **LCMS Ministerial Care Coalition**
 - a. The LCMS Ministerial Care Coalition is the collective name of the Ministerial Care Coordinators of all the LCMS districts, plus representatives of Concordia Plans Services and the Office of National Mission. The Coalition (aka "MC2") serves as a network for ideas, programs, research, and more across the LCMS.
 - b. The MC2 planning committee is Deaconess Tiffany Manor (ONM), Steve Gruenwald (CPS), Rev. Dick Koehneke (Indiana District), and Rev. Chris Cahill (SELC District).
4. Attended various **continuing education seminars and events**. Contact me at revcahill@gmail.com if you're interested in notes, handouts or more information on the following topics:
 - a. Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias
 - b. Mental Health First Aid
 - c. LookUp conference (The Church and Mental Health)
 - d. "Is there a Corinth in your circuit?" (Ted Kober, Ambassadors of Reconciliation)
 - e. Ohio Ethics Codes for Social workers, Counselors, and Marriage/Family Therapists
 - f. "Death, Dying and Bereavement" Webinar
 - g. SELC Webinar - Caring for the Caregiver - Rev. Dr. Darrell Zimmerman
 - h. SELC Webinar - Ministry in Calamity: Realities, Temptations & Resources for Pastors - Dr. Beverly Yahnke
 - i. Webinar - "Resilient Pastor" sponsored by Brotherhood Mutual
5. My wife Bev and I attended a **Grace Place Retreat** in Stroudsburg PA August 5-9, 2019. Grace Place is an LCMS Recognized Service Organization; here is their website: <https://www.graceplacewellness.org/>
6. I participated in two retreats (November 2019 and February 2020) in the **DOXOLOGY** program; the third retreat in the program, originally scheduled for August 2020, was postponed to August 2021. DOXOLOGY is an LCMS Recognized Service Organization; here is their website: <https://www.doxology.us/>
7. I have been hosting **weekly ZOOM check-ins** for the Pastors of the Central Circuit every Wednesday at 11 am since late March. Average attendance is 10-12, including 2-3 retired pastors. President Vinovskis often participates as well. Some of the pastors are unable to participate because of schedule conflicts with family, or because they have an alternate-day worship service at the scheduled ZOOM time. Pastor Ladislav Kozak and his wife Kathy (St. Paul, Toronto) are always excited to attend, but sad because the US-Canada border is closed to

travel. They have offered to host the first post-pandemic Central Circuit Conference at a preaching station Pastor Kozak serves in Kitchener, Ontario, pretty much as soon as the border re-opens.

8. The **“Caring for Pastors” project of the LCMS** intended to telephone all the pastors in the LCMS with “friendly check-in” phone calls. District Presidents were asked for permission to let pastors in their Districts be phoned. About 50 callers were recruited, a video training session was held, and a first round of assignments was made. I participated in the first round in May, but I have not heard anything about successive rounds.
9. I am periodically updating the website “Grace and Peace for You” of Ministerial Care resources; here is the website (<http://selc-eph1v2.mystrikingly.com/>) or scan this code for access:
10. Other Ministerial Care resources available to SELC District pastors include the “Basin and Towel” website at <https://www.basinandtowel.org/> and accompanying Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/thebasinandtowel/>; QR codes are below.



Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Christopher T. Cahill, D.Min.

SELC District Ministerial Care Coordinator

Basin and Towel website	“Basin and Towel” Facebook page
	

SELC WESTERN CIRCUIT VISITOR / COUNSELOR, REV. CARL KRUEGER:
REPORT TO THE SEPTEMBER 2020 SELC BOARD OF DIRECTORS and
THE 2020 PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS CONFERENCE (PCWC)

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been my privilege to serve as the Circuit Visitor / Counselor for the Western Circuit during this time of both regular and extra-ordinary challenges to our Congregations. I praise God that I can proclaim the amazing power and gifts of the Holy Spirit that I have experienced working with the Pastors and the Congregational Leaders during this time.

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic all of our Western Circuit Congregations ' "regular and normal" activities came to a screeching halt in March; but these challenges did not stop ministry at any of our Congregations; instead these became learning situations and growing opportunities for the Pastors to discover new ways to conduct ministry. It is with great awe that I have experienced the ingenuity of both Pastors and Members to explore the internet universe with Facebook, U-tube, ZOOM, and other apps, along with phone-trees and phone programs, to communicate, not only with the Church Members, but with more of the "outside world" than our Congregations have ever touched before. Praise God!

I have attached a table to this report that each of the Pastors / Congregations have responded to **(with 100% responding!)** that presents a summary of what has been and what is presently the situation in our Western Circuit Congregations. I thank God for the Pastors and Leaders of our Circuit Congregations, and I recognize the hard work, and the steep learning curve, that they have all experienced. Our Pastors were definitely NOT ON VACATION during the quarantine weeks!

PASTORAL VACANCIES and CALLS:

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, NORRIDGE IL suffered a double challenge. Their long-term Pastor, Rev. Luther Bajus was Translated to Glory, April 29, 2018. Taking their time to work through the Call process, in June 2019, Rev. Jeremy Heilman was installed as their Pastor. In October, he resigned from Zion, and from the LCMS Clergy Roster. With a new Call list, Zion Called Rev. Michael Croon

to be their Pastor. He has accepted and the planned Installation date is Saturday, October 3, 2020. I commend Dr. Doug Schipull and the whole leadership team of Zion Lutheran Church, Norridge IL for their faithfulness, and for their confident faith in God's plan for them. I also thank God for the Ministry of Rev. Mark Zuehsow, a member of Zion, Norridge, who took on the responsibility as Zion's Vacancy Pastor. Pastor Zuehsow fulfilled many aspects of needed ministry, even as he continued to hold down a full-time job, and as he provided special support to his wife, Jin Sun, who is presently on the medical-wait-list to receive a lung transplant.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, ALSIP IL experienced the Translation to Glory of their Pastor, Rev. Chris Ongstad, March 27, 2018. Working through the Call process, Holy Cross Called Rev. Daniel Murray in 2019.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, WHITING IN's Pastor, Rev. John Henry accepted the Call to become the Pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Northrop MN. St. Paul Congregation worked through an evaluation of the Ministry needs, opportunities and challenges. The St. Paul Leadership began working with the Leadership of Holy Cross, Alsip IL. After a number of meetings of the Church Councils, they each decided that for the good of the Ministry, St. Paul and Holy Cross would enter into the partnership of a Dual Parish. Rev. Daniel Murray was Called by both Congregations to be the Pastor of the Dual Parish. His Installation took place on Saturday, September 12, 2020.

OTHER NOTES:

Rev. David Corson (Pastor of Jacob's Well, St. Louis MO) completed his CPE Chaplain Residency Program for Lutheran Social Services of St. Louis, and is presently serving as Interim Chaplain at Laclede Groves, as he continues to shepherd the Lord's flock at Jacob's Well.

Rev. Richard Ramirez and his wife, Karen, have purchased a home in Waterford WI. Rev. Ramirez intends to continue to serve as Pastor of Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church into the foreseeable future as the Congregation goes through a period of ministry evaluations.

Attached are the Questions I sent to the Western Circuit, and the summary Table of the Responses.

QUESTIONS SENT TO THE PASTORS / CONGREGATIONS OF THE
SELC WESTERN CIRCUIT.

DURING 2020, AND IN LIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC:

How have you communicated with or offered devotions / services during the "quarantine"?

Are public worship services now being offered?

In what mode / fashion are these offered?

How many services per week?

Is Holy Communion being offered at these services?

What was your average weekly worship attendance during August?

Has anyone in your personal family tested POSITIVE for COVID-19.....
or experienced a serious health issue?

Have any of your Congregational Members been diagnosed with the
COVID9 virus?

How many?

Any deaths?

How will your SUNDAY SCHOOL and CONFIRMATION CLASSES be
conducted?

How / in what ways could the DISTRICT or SYNOD help you in your
Ministry?

The following table corresponds to the above questions:

ACTIVITY STATUS, SEPTEMBER 2020: THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE SELC WESTERN CIRCUIT

Church	City	Ministry During Quarantine	Public Worship Now	Mode	Services/Week	Commu. Offered	Aug. Attend	Covid? Pastor	Covid Cong.?	SS & Conf.	Help Needed
Holy Cross	Alsip IL	Video	Yes	In person Video	1 Sunday	Yes	19	Yes	Yes: 2	Video	Conspiracy Theories!
Holy Trinity	Boyceville WI	Facebook & Utube; Phone calls	Yea	In person	1 Sunday	Yes	20-25	No	No	In person	Pleased with the District info shared
DML	Chicago IL	Facebook; email; In person	Yes	In person	1 Sunday	Yes	14	No	Yes; 1	In person; 1 Confirm	Many areas
Resurrection	Crown Point IN	Daily phone devos	Yes	Parking lot	1 on Sunday	Yes	45	No	No	On Line	How to restart; continued use of Media
St. John	Cudahy WI	Video; Phone tree	Yes	In person; Video	2 Sat. 2 Sunday	Yes	85	No	2; 1 died	In person	Blank
St. John	Granite City IL	Services on Facebook and Utube	Yes	Parking lot radio and Indoor	1 on Sunday	Yes	25-30 indoor; 2-7 Parking lot	No	No	Yet to be	Continue Circuit ZOOM
Zion	NorrIDGE IL	Recorded; Sunday Web; ZOOM	Yes	In person; Web & ZOOM	1 Sunday	Yes: 1 st & 3 rd Sundays	35	No	1 in Nrsing Home	In person	Keep informed about rules & regulations
Pentecost	Racine WI	Weekly email & USPS	Yes	In person & Facebook Live	1 Sat; 1 Sun; In person	Yes	47	No	1	In person	Continue to stay in contact with Pastors
St. Lucas	St. Louis MO	Live stream	Yes	In person & Live stream	2	Yes	60 in person (half regular attendance)	No	Yes 5 mbs	In person; 10/3/20	Doing OK
Jacob's Well	St. Louis MO	ZOOM; Phone	Yes	In person	1	Yes	5-7	No	No	N/A	Prayer
Holy Trinity	Streator IL	On-line, Telephone, Radio	Yes	In person	2	Yes	100	No		In-person; Social Distancing	Reflect diversity of needs
St. Paul	Whiting IN	Video	Yes	In Person; Online	1 Sunday	Yes	35	No	No	Video	Conspiracy Theories

Third Vice President's Report
Rev. Luke Jacob
PCWC - September 2019 to 2020

Going back over the course of the last year here is a summary of my activities as 3rd Vice President of the SELC District:

In conjunction with our SELC BOD meeting I was blessed with the opportunity to attend the Best Practices Midwest Conference (October 9-10-19) and enjoyed a handful of break out sessions that the conference offered.

My wife Courtney and I attended the LCEF's Leadership Conference on November 22-24 in Houston, TX. We enjoyed our time away from kids as well as what the conference had to offer. There were a number of thought-provoking and engaging speakers at the conference...and then there were some famous college football quarterbacks as well.

I joined President Vinovskis and a handful of other guests for a Call planning meeting at St Paul's in Whiting, IN following John Henry accepting a call in Minnesota (December 19).

I had the privilege of leading worship at St. Paul's - Whiting, IN on March 15th. I represented the district at their congregational Voter's meeting prior to worship as they were beginning discussions on what a dual-parish ministry would entail. St Paul's (Whiting) has entered into an agreement with Holy Cross - Alsip, IL and will have Pastor Daniel Murray shepherd both congregations. His installation will take place on September 12, 2020.

It wasn't long after my visit to Whiting, IN, that our world shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our boys started schooling from home and my wife and I worked on a home-work schedule as best as we could to manage the situation.

Starting on March 26th the Western Circuit pastors began having weekly "check-in" Zoom calls to touch base with each other, discuss issues, and provide feedback to concerns in their congregations. Those meetings have continued, but have been scheduled roughly for every other week.

I worked with Zion Lutheran Church (Norridge, IL) in the midst of their calling a pastor. I was invited and participated in a Church Council meeting (7-21-2020) as well as preached at a worship service (7-26-2020) prior to their voter's meeting to call a pastor. Zion extended a call to Rev. Michael Croon - who later accepted that call.

I participated in a Zoom meeting on (8-26-2020) with District President Vinovskis and others about the planning of the PCWC - providing feedback for the upcoming conference.

And In the midst of the pandemic and social distancing I've attended a handful of other SELC Board meetings on Zoom.

Central Circuit Visitor's Report to Board of Directors

September 30, 2020

Central Circuit News

July 12th – Rev. Jon Carpenter was ordained into the holy ministry and installed as associate pastor at St. John, Massillon, OH. The installation was well attended and COVID precautions were observed.

General

- All Central Circuit congregations have resumed Sunday services. Safety measures vary from congregation to congregation but include wearing masks, shortening and/or speaking the liturgy, reducing the number of hymns sung, taking temperatures at the door, various forms of reduced-contact communion distribution, taping off pews to increase distance, etc.
- One congregation temporarily re-suspended services due to a case of COVID in the congregation.
- All in all, the pastors are tired but holding up okay under the ongoing stress. The same can be said for the congregations. No one has yet reported major losses in attendance, membership, or finances. Although, overall, there seems to have been more mentioning of tense/stressed situations with parishioners than in earlier months.
- In Ohio (not 100% sure about PA), nursing homes are still shut down. Some outdoor visitation is allowed. "End of life" visits are permitted, but this has not proven to be reliable. Hospital visitation is severely limited.
- We have continued to meet weekly via Zoom (hosted by Chris Cahill). Attendance varies from week to week.

September 29-30 – The Central and Eastern Circuits are joining together for a joint, hybrid in-person / Zoom PCWC and Circuit Winkel. Saints Peter & Paul, Sharon, PA is hosting (due in large part to their tech capabilities and proximity to the Eastern Circuit). In-person attendance numbers look promising, though some brothers will be joining us remotely.

The Circuit Winkel portion of our gathering will include a two part presentation: "How to Think Lutheran in a Non-Lutheran World", presented by Jim Douthwaite and myself.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT AID COMMITTEE

September 30, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ:

The SELC District Student Aid Committee held its annual meeting at St. John Lutheran Church, Massillon, Ohio, on August 17, 2020, and was privileged to issue grants-in-aid to our district students who are preparing for full-time church work at our LC-MS colleges, universities, and seminaries for the 2020-2021 academic year. The following are this year's recipients:

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Concordia University Chicago

Emilie Stoller – Deaconess (Zion, Norridge)
(Intern - Ascension, Montreal)

Concordia University St Paul

Rachel McCloskey – Pre-Deaconess (St. Mark, Steubenville)

SEMINARY STUDENTS

Concordia Seminary St Louis

March, 2020

Jacob Baumann – SMP (The Cross, Mt. Dora)

Mark Crossman – SMP (The Cross, Mt. Dora)

August, 2020

Lawton Thompson – (St. Luke, Oviedo)

Aaron Hickey (St. Luke, Oviedo)

Christina Shaffer – Deaconess (St. Luke, Oviedo)

Rev. Kurt Steinbrueck – SMP (Faith, Wesley Chapel)

William Whitehead – SMP (Family of Christ, Tampa)

Ken Estes – (Faith, Viera)

Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne

Emily McLean – Deaconess (St. Luke, Oviedo)

GRAND TOTAL (2020)

\$31,150.00

The Committee members are grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to serve our students in the areas of financial assistance and spiritual encouragement, and we are happy to do our work on behalf of the congregations of the district, especially in light of the good number of men and women from our district who are preparing for full-time church work in our synod.

On behalf of Kevin and Jim, we thank you for permitting us to serve our district and synod in this significant way, and we ask for your prayers as we continue to assist our students with resources that allow them to continue their preparation for ministry in our church body!

Respectfully and joyfully submitted,

John L. Telloni

John L. Telloni, Chairman
Kevin McLeod, Secretary
James Hurst

