

Encourager

Mid-South District LCMS | October 2019

Focus for October

We take a closer look at the various ways that congregations across the Mid-South District are sharing the Gospel in their communities.

Message from Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, *President*



being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (I Peter 1:2b-5, ESV) It seems clear, so why is church attendance and membership declining in the United States... that is, if we are embracing this privilege and stewardship of the Gospel?

Recently, I shared the observations of a book with the joint Board of Regents of our two seminaries. The book is called, *10 Tsunamis Impacting Ministry*, (Daniel Cook © *Build God’s Way Services*, 2015). It isn’t a scholarly piece, but explains a gigantic, destructive wave that is sweeping over American Christianity. Even though he’s more inclined toward the “we-gotta-do-something” mentality, rather than understanding that, regardless of what we think we “gotta-do,” the Christian Church still belongs and has its life given by God’s grace in Christ Jesus; and despite several limitations, the book challenges us to open our eyes to the reality of several alarming trends happening to American Christianity.

He quotes Edwin Friedman, who wrote, “Everything we enjoy as part of our advanced civilization, including the

The Apostle Peter, in his first epistle wrote, “*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people...*” (I Peter 2:9-10a, ESV). His first chapter makes it abundantly clear that this privilege is given to every baptized Christian, saying, “*May grace and peace be multiplied to you. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are*



discovery, exploration, and development of our country, came about because previous generations made adventure more important than safety." Cook's concern is that there is a wide swath of "tsunamis" which have hit or will eventually hit ministries in America. Churches, schools, and other non-profits are in the "eye of the storm." How do we survive what's coming? Even though he used mixed metaphors, be it a storm or a gigantic wave, he demonstrates that the next 10-30 years of ministry will not be the same.

How we approach ministry will change.

The first tsunami Cook discussed is a Tsunami of Generational Transition. In 2012, Baby Boomers made close to 70% of all of the income earned in the United States. Baby Boomers gave to churches at a rate of 90% or more in their total giving. By 2018, Baby Boomers are nearing or have entered retirement and will command no more than 20% of total US earning power. Millennials' income, on the other hand will increase to over 50% of total US earned income.

This means that over \$60 trillion dollars will be transferred from the management of the Baby Boomer generation to millennials in the next 30 years. When the money falls into the hands of the millennials, they will direct their giving in accordance with their values. Calculations from federal not-for-profit (NFP) reports show that only 25% of total earnings for NFP's was generated by the 46 million Generation X-ers, and less than 5% from the 100-million millennials who were born after 1980. This represents a 59% shortfall in giving, or in terms of actual dollars approximately \$58 billion dollar shortfall to religious charitable giving in 2018 compared to how the Baby Boomer generation supported the Church.

The millennial generation (born from 1972 – 1998) is poised to assume leadership roles in society, business, and government. They are predominantly "right-brain" thinkers with ideas, values, and perspectives that will redefine commerce, organizations, and politics for the first half century. But, what is so alarming is that millennials are leaving the church in record numbers – some estimates show as few as 15% remain in the church, with as few as 3 – 5% of them attend any church service on any given Sunday. Millennials now represent 1 in 3 persons in the United States. How are we going to share the Gospel with them?



HUGABEAR GROUP RECEIVES THANK YOU

Peace Lutheran Church, Cherokee Village AR was blessed with a special visit recently by an out of town mother and daughter, who came to personally share their gratitude for the daughter receiving a "hugabear" from our ladies' Hugabear group when she was in the emergency room with a bad cut. She found the bear so comforting and encouraging when facing the trauma, being reminded that Jesus and His people care. The Hugabear group (pictured) prepares hundreds of unique home-made stuffed, sewn bears each year and distributes them to local hospitals, ambulances, and firemen, and they are given to both children and adults.

According to Sylvia Ronsvalle of "Empty Tomb" Foundation, one out of four millennials cannot think of any positive contribution the church has made on them. They believe the old fashioned mentalities are meaningless when all ministries need to work on is doing better with offering gratitude for the gifts they receive. A nice note or recognition goes a long way. However, gratitude has been replaced with instant gratification for the millennial.

Yet, millennials are searching for a church that, "...truly believes what it says it believes." Peter Voogd, a featured writer (and millennial) for *Entrepreneur* magazine, states, "Millennials have acute "BS meters" and inauthenticity doesn't set well with them. We do not choose one worship style over the others, but want structure. We're beginning to recognize the value of traditional worship over entertainment worship."

In another study, Cook notes the impact of this difficulty noting that less than 25% of the US households are traditional nuclear families. One-third of the children born in the US is born out of wedlock. Here, consider the impact of these changes included in the Missouri Synod 2019 Convention Workbook: The likelihood of the "next generation's" connection to the Church will be when: The Church teaches the faith – 25%. But, when the parents teach the faith with the Church – 81%! Who is active in the Church today: The Great Generation

– 62%; Baby Boomers – 40%; Millennials – 4%! But, then notice what was cited in Resolution 12-07A ("Strengthening Families in Catechetical Responsibilities") at our Synod's 2019 Convention. The next generation of adults will likely become active in the Church when: Mother and Father are active in the Church – 33%; when the mother only is active in the Church – 2%; but, when the father only is active in the Church – 44%! What is more, the next Generation will follow the examples in faith formation to become part of the Church, when: the mother became a Christian, 17% will follow. When the child became a Christian, 3.5% will follow. But, when the father became a Christian, 93% will follow his example. The retention rate of Post-High School graduates in Protestant and Evangelical settings is less than 15%. In the LCMS, the retention rate is 35% - over twice the number in other denominations. Yet, the trend lines need our attention.

Sharing the Gospel begins in the home. Even if it's a non-nuclear family, the head of the household has the primary responsibility in faith formation. Martin Luther, in his Small Catechism, recognizes what these statistics are telling us, "As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household." Our Mid-South District's Generation-2-Generation project has taken on the task of bringing about a paradigmatic shift on the way we share the Gospel. Through

its efforts, congregations will learn of ways to bring a renewed emphasis rising from the nuclear family that structures faith formation the way God designed the family.

Each-1 Reach-1 has touched congregations across the entire District. Individual congregations have invited us to participate in learning the basic of how to respond when we're asked, "What do you Lutherans believe?" The doors swing wide open for us to share the beauty of the teachings of our Confessions. It accomplishes what St. Peter encouraged us to do over 2000 years ago, "*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*"



**Hymnals and Paraments
Available from
Zion Lutheran-Augsburg**

Zion Lutheran Church-Augsburg in London, Arkansas has a supply of extra hymnals, organist materials and paraments (green) available to any Mid-South congregation that might need them. For details please contact Pastor Joshua Ralston (pastoratzion@zion-augsburg.org) or Susan Colles (scolles53@yahoo.com).

Zion (Augsburg) Celebrates Its 12th Annual Fall Fest

Zion Lutheran Church at Augsbug, Arkansas, will hold its 12th Annual Fall Fest on Saturday, October 12. The festival begins at 10:00 A.M. and lasts the whole day. Zion Lutheran Church is located at the intersection of Arkansas Highway 333 and Augsbug Road, north of London and northwest of Dover.

The first festival was held in the fall of 2008. Founded in 1883, the congregation was looking for ways to reach out to the community as it celebrated its 125th Anniversary. A little intimidated at first by such a large undertaking, the members were surprised at how successful that first festival was. Each year since then it has grown beyond anything that we imagined.

One of the reasons for its phenomenal growth has been the investment that the whole community has made in it, both in time and money. We have a committee that begins meeting each year in March or April to prepare for that year's festival. About sixty volunteers show up the week of the festival for preparation, set-up, and working wherever they are needed the day of the festival. We even have volunteers each year that come from as far away as Iowa, Oklahoma, California, and Hawaii.

This year's festival will feature a Bike Ride, free kids' games, bump and jumps, pony rides, petting zoo, cake walk, silent auction, country store, Daisy BB gun shoot, drawing for a locally grown farm-raised hog (processed and ready to be picked up the day of the festival), drawing for a 40-gun Cannon gun safe, antique farm equipment display, bingo, climbing wall, crafts and educational booths, all day musical entertainment, and delicious German food featuring hand-made bratwursts with sauerkraut or grilled peppers and onions (served on a homemade roll) and homemade desserts. Admission to the festival is free.

All of the proceeds from the festival are equally divided between Zion's two social outreach ministries—the River Valley Christian Clinic in Dardanelle, which provides free health care (medical, dental and optical) and spiritual guidance to anyone in the River Valley who cannot afford to access traditional medical care, and the Augsbug Food Pantry, which provides food to over 650 people each month. In 2018, the Augsbug Food Pantry helped over 7,000 people, distributing over 100,000 pounds of food. Over 70 volunteers willingly gave their time to assist with the food distribution.

Last year, Augsbug Fall Fest raised \$24,378 for these two mission efforts, and we hope to exceed that this year. Come and see what this little congregation atop Augsbug Mountain has done to reach out with Christian love and compassion to its neighbors in need.





ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Cordially Invites You to Our

75TH
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

October 13, 2019
3:00 pm

2730 E Township Street
Fayetteville, AR 72703

Refreshments will be served

Special message from Rev. Micah Glenn of the
Lutheran Hour Ministries

1944-2019



2019 CARE-VAN

Dates & Locations

November 1-2, 2019

Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Location and drop off times are on the next page

Please call the church to verify the time so there will be someone there to help you. The times may change according to the church.

A Meaningful Way to Make a Difference

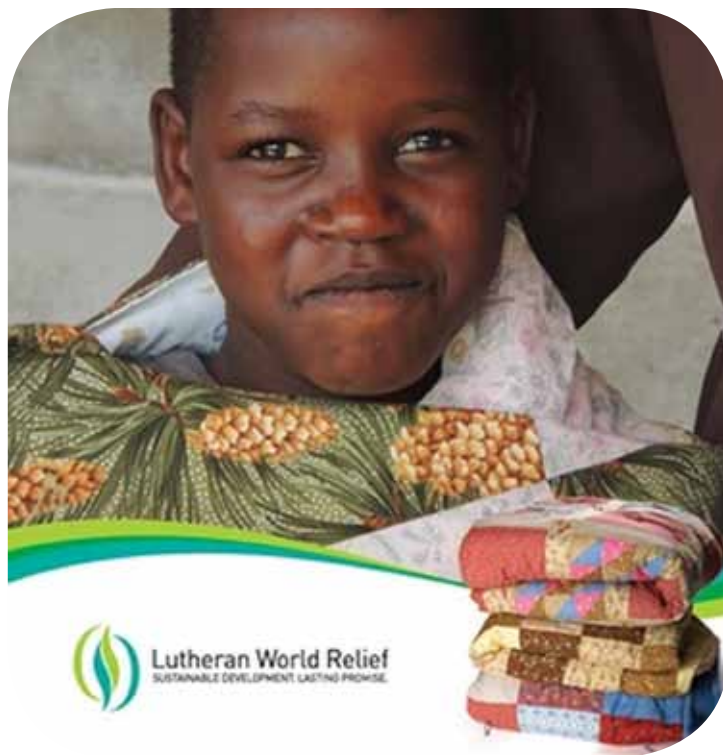
Lutheran World Relief Kits of Care are a perfect way for you to gather a group of people you know and turn ordinary items into extraordinary gifts. You can help people dealing with some of life's most difficult situations – the aftermath of hurricanes, earthquakes and floods, fleeing home to escape violence, and living in extreme poverty. Partner with us and energize your congregation for global good.

What You Can Do

We can't control when disasters strike and we can't end poverty overnight. But there are things we can do now to help people around the world reach their full potential. Learn how simple items can transform lives and how you can too.

1. Choose – a type of kit
 - Personal Care Kits
 - School Kits
 - Baby Care Kits
 - Fabric Kits
 - Quilt Kits
2. Collect – items for the kits and money to help ship kits overseas
3. Pack – the items and send to the warehouse; or find a local collection site
4. Track – your kits as they travel the world to people in need
5. Share – photos and videos of your work on your social pages with #KitsofCare. Your posts can encourage others to get involved, too!

LWR Quilts & Kits convey a priceless message of love and commitment to people in desperate need. First and foremost, recipients use their LWR Quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. But their versatility also makes



Quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. In 2018, Lutheran World Relief delivered more than \$13.4 million worth of Quilts and Kits to 601,144 beneficiaries in 25 countries.

Shipping costs LWR about \$2.25 per quilt. Please give to the Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund, which pays for the shipping of donated Quilts and Kits. You can also encourage your congregation to support your quilt or kit ministry by donating to LWR's Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund <https://lwr.org/donate/shippingfund> to ensure that LWR can continue working with partners around the world to deliver your gifts. Those funds, combined with the generosity of donors, ensure LWR has the resources needed to move these items around the world. You can help!

If you are interested in the **assembly instructions for quilts and kits** you may request a copy of these pamphlets by calling 800-597-5972 or logging on to the <https://lwr.org> website.

If you have **questions or need labels**, don't hesitate to e-mail Julie Tyler at: jtyler@mid-southlcms.com or give her a call (1-866-373-1343 toll free).

The work of our hearts and hands is an immeasurable blessing to families in need around the world!



Mid-South District 2019 CARE-VAN

November 1-2, 2019

Locations and Coordinators



Loading Friday and Saturday, November 1-2, 2019
 Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 (time for drop-off donations may change according to church)

Call church to verify the time

you will be bringing your LWR items so someone will be there to help you.

Please package boxes properly. Thank you.

Arkansas

CITY	Location for YRC Freight	Contact Person	Pastor of Church
Fort Smith, AR	First Lutheran School 2407 Massard Road Fort Smith, AR 72901	Mr. Lou Fellwock 1-479-650-5886	Rev. John Merrill 1-479-785-2886 (church) jfmerrill@gmail.com
Little Rock, AR	Grace Lutheran Church 5124 Hillcrest Little Rock, AR 72205	Rev. James Walter 1-501-663-3631 (church) 1-501-240-7729 (cell) walter@aristotle.net	Rev. James Walter 1-501-663-3631 (church) 1-501-240-7729 (cell) walter@aristotle.net
Springdale, AR	Salem Lutheran Ministries 1800 West Emma Avenue Springdale, AR 72762-3905 Only Saturday - Nov. 2 (9a.m.-12p.m.)	Ms. Darlene Diercouff 1-479-751-9500 (church) ddiercouff@aol.com	Rev. Mark Krause 1-479-751-9500 (church) 1-479-841-4898 (cell) mekrause56@gmail.com

***There will not be a truck at Pilgrim this year. *Please drop off your boxes at Pilgrim the week of October 28-31.*

***Pastor Shewmaker will bring all boxes to the truck at Immanuel, Memphis.

Jonesboro, AR	Pilgrim Lutheran Church*** 1812 South Rains Jonesboro, AR 72401-5046 Drop off boxes at Pilgrim during the week prior to Care-Van Drive	Rev. Russell Shewmaker 1-870-935-2001 (church) 1-870-897-4443 (cell) pastor@pilgrimlutheran.us	Rev. Russell Shewmaker 1-870-935-2001 (church) 1-870-897-4443 (cell) pastor@pilgrimlutheran.us
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Tennessee

CITY	Location for YRC Freight	Contact Person	Pastor of Church
Chattanooga, TN	Cross of Christ Lutheran Church 3204 Hixon Pike Chattanooga, TN 37415 Only Friday, Nov. 1 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)	Ms. Lanette Bagley 1-423-344-9324 laja40@yahoo.com	Rev. Barry Hildebrandt 1-423-877-7447 (church) 1-423-255-4746 (cell) church@cocluth.com
Nashville, TN	Our Savior Lutheran Church 5110 Franklin Pike Nashville, TN 37220-1814	Mr. Kenneth Priest 1-615-969-6225 kapslp10@comcast.net	Rev. Lane Reuter 1-615-833-1500 (church) osloffice1@gmail.com
Knoxville, TN	Christus Victor Lutheran Church 4110 Central Avenue Pike Knoxville, TN 37912-0312	Mr. Tim Rearick 1-865-719-1123 (cell) timrearick1@yahoo.com	Rev. William Ondracka 1-865-687-6622 (church) 1-734-368-1703 pastorbill@christusvictorknoxville.org
Memphis, TN	Immanuel Lutheran Church 6325 Raleigh LaGrange Road Memphis, TN 38134-6907	Ms. Diane Reimold 1-901-679-0626 dianereimold@hotmail.com	Rev. Greg Prauner 1-901-373-4486 (church) gprauner@immanuelmemphis.org



LinkT Retreat

Jr. High is October 18-20, 2019

Sr. High is February 14-16, 2020

Theme: Journey

Theme Verse: Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." – John 14:6

District Youth are Invited

Mid-South District Junior High students are invited to the upcoming LinkT Retreat at the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean Mountain in Arkansas, October 18-20.

Register Online @ www.linktyouth.com

See the retreat summary below for event details

Questions contact Paul Easterday

pauleasterday@gmail.com or 248-613-9172

Event Details

Each congregation is to provide their own counselors for their youth. Our ratio is one adult 21 years of age or older for every 6 youth. If your church is bringing both male and female participants, you must have both a male and female counselor, even if your total group number is less than 6 youth. If your church is having trouble meeting this requirement, please contact Paul, pauleasterday@gmail.com ASAP.

Participants are encouraged to register as a church group. If this is not a possibility, please contact us and we will pair you with another group for the weekend.

Participants are to bring: a Bible, sleeping bag, pillow, towel, toiletries, warm clothes, flashlight, a big smile and a readiness to make friends and have fun!

Please be prepared for the weather this time of year. Outdoor activities are planned.

As part of the LinkT Retreat experience, each group will be participating in a service project. There will be multiple projects to choose from, some on site at camp and some off site. Please make your group aware so they can bring necessary clothing and be ready to make a project choice upon arrival at camp.

Registration check-in will be Friday evening 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria building. The program begins at 9 p.m. Friday and ends on Sunday at 2:00 PM

Lodging is bunk house style with bathrooms and showers in each cabin.

There will be free time on Saturday afternoon with the

option to either participate in pre-planned activities led by retreat staff or to enjoy time on your own. Activities include gaga ball, archery, canoeing, board games, disc golf, corn hole, and more!

Worship will be held on Sunday morning at 10:15am.... Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us!



MOTHER, DAUGHTER, SISTER, FRIEND



WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

Featured Speaker - Ashley Paavola

NOVEMBER 2

9:30 AM-3:00 PM

Farrar Hill Farms Event Venue, Manchester TN

- ◆ Inspiring Speakers & Music
- ◆ Beautiful Venue
- ◆ Fellowship & Laughter
- ◆ Catered Lunch
- ◆ Lots of Sponsor Donated Gift Bags

Preds Tickets, Massages, Food, Products, Services, Art Work...

- ◆ Barn doors open at 9 am
- ◆ Coffee & Refreshments
- ◆ Retreat Time 9:30 am—3:00 pm
- ◆ Barn Doors close at 4 pm

More Information and Registration at

www.oslcnashville.org/retreat

Tickets \$20 - includes Lunch



Farrar Hill Farms @ 765 Farrar Hill Road,
Manchester, TN

Sponsored by Our Savior Lutheran Church, Nashville TN.

Want to be a sponsor? Provide a generous gift bag and you can be listed on the Event Program. See the website for instructions.



BIG NEWS from

Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Exciting changes have been made to Lutheran Church Extension Fund's (LCEF) ConnectPLUS and PartnerPLUS investments.

LCEF wouldn't be able to support Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) ministries without the faithful support of our investors. This strong and stable base means the important role LCEF plays in supporting the LCMS will continue long into the future.

CONNECTPLUS*

3% | On balances up to \$50,000

- For new LCEF investors.
- Balances up to \$50,000 earn 3.0%.
- Balances over \$50,000 earn 2.25%. Rates subject to change.
- Minimum of \$500 to start.
- Two-year fixed term note.
- Additional funds can be added during the term (\$25 minimum).
- ConnectPLUS is now available to congregations, businesses, RSOs and trusts.

PARTNERPLUS**

2.50% | 3.00% | On balances up to \$50,000
2-year | 4-year

- For current LCEF investors, including LCMS organizations and congregations.
- Balances up to \$50,000 earn 2.50% for a two-year term or 3.00% for a four-year term.
- Balances over \$50,000 earn 2.25%. Rates subject to change.
- Minimum of \$500 to start (no transfers from other LCEF investments).
- Additional funds can be added during the term (\$25 minimum).
- New money only.

Get started today!

Visit lcef.org/invest or call 800-843-5233.

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Prayer Summary, September 2019

Following is a list of all the people that have appeared on the Mid-South District website prayer list www.mid-southlcms.com during the month of September 2019.

PRAYER CONCERNS

MRS. DORIS BERTSCH (wife of Rev. Arie Bertsch, District President, North Dakota District)

MISS BELLE BRASHER (daughter of Tessa Brasher, Paragould, AR, Mid-South District Board of Directors)

MS. EVELYN DOUGLAS (friend of Julie Tyler, Mid-South District Office)

MR. MARK GUDLIN (hospitalized, wife Denise is with Trinity Hope)

MRS. ALISON HAWKINS (Mid-South District Office)

DIONNE MILAM (Secretary to Pastor Toopes, Holy Trinity, Bowling Green, KY)

REV. DR. HERBERT MUELLER (Former 1st Vice President of the Synod)

REV. DAVID RUBKE (Tullahoma, TN)

REV. MERLIN SEPMEYER (Crossville, TN)

REV. NEIL VANDERBUSH (Chaplain in the U.S. Army with the Board of International Missions & Former Pastor in Bentonville, Arkansas)

MR. LEONARD YOUNG (Father of Pastor Philip Young, Nashville, TN)

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE DORIAN

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE LOST ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Our deepest sympathies to:

The family and friends of Jerry Shaw (father of Pastor Ken Shaw, Gallatin, TN) who passed away recently.

CALL UPDATE

ORDAINED MINISTERS

ACCEPTED: **Rev. Robert Anderson**, Christ Memorial, Houston, TX has been issued and accepted a call to serve as **Associate Pastor, Grace Lutheran, Knoxville, TN. (Installation held 9/22/2019)**

COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

DECLINED: **Mr. Matt Nieman**, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour, IN has returned a call to serve as the DCE at **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Chattanooga, TN.**

IN THE CALLING PROCESS – CONGREGATIONS

First Lutheran Church, Chattanooga, TN - Pastor

First Lutheran Church, Knoxville, TN – Pastor

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Horseshoe Bend, AR – Pastor

St. John's Lutheran Church, Lafe, AR - Associate Pastor

Mid-South District – Executive Director for Missions and Ministry

IN THE CALLING PROCESS

Avilla Christian Academy, Alexander, AR – Director of Parish Music

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Chattanooga TN – DCE



CONGREGATIONAL MISSION COMMITMENTS

Mission Commitment Receipts as of 8/31/19 (8 Months)

Anticipated Amount (66.67% of budget).....	\$1,021,516
Actual Receipts.....	<u>1,028,278</u>
Over (under) anticipated amount	\$6,762

Use of Mission Commitment Receipts (8 Months)

Allocated to Synod for World Missions	\$291,817
Allocated to Tanzania	16,667
Retained for District Mission/Ministry Support (70% of receipts).....	<u>719,795</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,028,278

Mission Commitment Receipts Prior Year Comparison (8 Months)

Actual Receipts as of 8/31/19.....	\$1,028,278
Actual Receipts as of 8/31/18.....	<u>\$998,277</u>
Over (under) prior year receipts	\$30,001



Mid-South District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Contribute

The Encourager is a monthly newsletter from the Mid-South District LCMS. If you would like your article or event published in the next *Encourager*, please email it by **October 23, 2019** to Rhonda, webmaster@mid-southlcms.com. The October issue will focus on serving others in Christ's name.