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# Lutheran Church Extension Fund

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## FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

In the face of these difficult circumstances, Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) wants to assure you that our commitment to our LCEF family remains steadfast and uncompromising.

The mission of LCEF continues to be to support The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod by ensuring that financial resources and related services are available now and in the future.

To learn more about resources available to your ministry, please visit the [LCEF COVID-19 Response webpage](#) and contact Carole White.

### Deppe 2020 LCEF District Scholarship Recipient

“Alec’s leadership ability is evident in his service to our church as a caretaker of our facilities and peer leader for our student group LCMS U at UNI,” wrote Rev. John Wegener, campus pastor, University of Northern Iowa (UNI), Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Congratulations Alec Deppe, the 2020 LCEF Iowa District West \$1,000 scholarship recipient. The son of Daniel and Wendy Deppe, Alec is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ankeny, Iowa, and a student at UNI, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

### Impact On Community

In his scholarship application, Deppe wrote the following about the Lutheran Church Extension Fund and its impact:

“LCEF has fulfilled their mission by helping fund the renovation of College Hill Lutheran Church (CHLC). This has changed the lives of college students, specifically at the University of Northern Iowa, by providing students with a place to study God’s Word in a safe

environment where students know they are cared for. CHLC is used for many events, two of which are Fall Fling and High School Weekend. Both events provide an opportunity for students to learn about the challenges faced on college campuses and how to handle them from a Lutheran perspective. LCEF has also provided CHLC with a space for the congregation to hold potlucks and student organizations to host events. By providing funding to [construct] or improve buildings, LCEF creates a space where I, and others, have an opportunity to receive Word and Sacrament.

By taking part in the campus ministry at CHLC, I have experienced the impact LCEF’s ministry has on college

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students and the congregation. LCEF has provided me with a place to grow in my faith, and I would like to do the same for others. As



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I look toward my future and starting a career, I will gain resources to make investments. Investing in LCEF and its mission gives me the incredible opportunity to support the sharing of the Gospel and furthering God's kingdom."

### Student Leadership

In her letter of recommendation for Alec, Kristina Kofoot, MA, CNP, Community Engagement Program Coordinator and Adviser for Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (NLA) Student Association at UNI, wrote the following:

"Alec joined the UNI NLA in the fall of 2019 and is continuing his work with this organization. During the fall semester, Alec was a lead on the student organization's resource development committee. On this committee, Alec had the chance to work with and manage peers interested in the nonprofit sector. Alec also learned how to steward donations that he and his group members received from their fundraising efforts. Alec and his team assisted in raising over \$25,000 for the campaign, passing the student association's goal of \$22,000. ...His efforts have shown that he is capable of building strong donor and interpersonal relationships."

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### Annual LCEF District Scholarships

LCEF is blessed to provide annual district scholarships to active, faith-filled Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod students. Those interested in the 2021 LCEF district scholarships can learn more at [lcefcentral.org/scholarships](http://lcefcentral.org/scholarships). Applications will be available online beginning in September.

To learn more about Lutheran Church Extension Fund, visit [lcef.org](http://lcef.org).

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### 2020 \$1,000 LCEF District Outreach Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the two Iowa District LCEF Grant Recipients for 2020:

- Iowa District West - **Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Des Moines**
- Iowa District East - **King of Kings Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids**

LCEF helps empower Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod ministries with every dollar invested. LCEF has served as the financial extension of the LCMS since 1978, offering funding and resources in support of the Church.

2020 LCEF district grant funds were awarded to LCMS organizations in the following districts of the Central Region: Iowa District East, Iowa District West, Minnesota North, Minnesota South, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Wisconsin. Each grant was \$1,000. Watch your inbox and visit [lcef.central.org/grants](http://lcef.central.org/grants) in September for the 2021 grant applications.

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### Need Online Giving?

LCEF offers e-tithing and e-tuition payments through the Joyful Response® program, a stewardship service for LCMS congregations, schools and registered service organizations (RSOs). Visit [lcef.org/joyful-response](http://lcef.org/joyful-response) for online giving options for your church/school.