



Northern Illinois District

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

“Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched him. ‘I am willing,’ he told him. ‘Be made clean’”
(Mark 1:41 CSB).

Compassion ... in the New Testament, it literally meant to be “moved at the gut” over someone’s situation to take pity on that person. In the verse above, Jesus is so moved by a man with leprosy. In compassion, He touches to heal the man because no one would touch an “unclean” leper.

How does our Lord bring the touch of His compassion today?

A congregation, in partnership with the NID through our Partnership Grant, hosts a day where veterans get to share their stories with each other in the hopes of preventing the tragedy of suicide, and Christ’s love is shared.

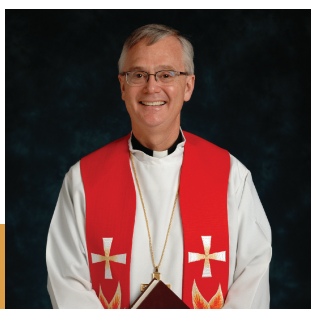
A preschool, in partnership with the NID through our Endowment Grant, equips an outdoor play space in an urban community so that children of both the preschool and the surrounding neighborhood have a safe, engaging place to play and make connection with each other and our Savior.



A Recognized Service Organization, in partnership with the NID through our Mission Target Grant, hosts monthly retreats so that those who are new to our country who also do not know Jesus as Savior have a safe, hospitable place where they can get to know followers of Jesus and His free gift of salvation.

Our Lord continues to be “moved at the gut” for those in need of His mercy, and He touches their lives through the congregations, schools, and ministries of our District. On the flip side of this letter, you’ll get a quick overview of the ways Christ’s compassion is making an impact on the lives of those He loves through our service together.

Thank you for your compassionate heart! Our Lord reaches out through you with each touch of compassion you give to your neighbor in need. As we reach out with Christ’s compassion, may we joyfully also share in words the eternal hope that is ours in Jesus which is the greatest act of compassion.



With You, My eyes are on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2,3)

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