



Student Endowment Fund
An ongoing grant of the LWML SD District.

Leader: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) South Dakota District Student Endowment Fund was established to help any student going into churchwork with their education costs. Each year, the interest from the fund is divided among the number of students from the South Dakota district who are attending school to become a church worker. This includes teachers, pastors and deaconesses. Currently, we have 12 students in that area of study which is more than usual. It is so encouraging to know we have students interested in serving the Lord this way.

Reader 1: *So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ* (Ephesians 4: 11-13 NIV).

Leader: In order for our Synod to remain true to the Scriptures and assure that our children are being led and taught the true understanding of them, we must have a continuous stream of educated workers to take the place of those who are no longer able to achieve these goals. Our LCMS has a long history of dedicated church workers who have held the faith and teachings through many decades and trials. Continuing in this tradition is essential to our future leaders and lay workers.

Reader 2: *Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us — yes, establish the work of our hands* (Psalm 90: 1, 16,17 NIV).

All: *(sung or recited)* **All Depends on Our Possessing, LSB 732 st. 1**
All depends on our possessing God’s abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.

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(recited) **This is our prayer for our future leaders. Bless their studies and keep them true to the faith in which they have been raised and instructed. In your name, Jesus. Amen.**