

# North Wisconsin Professional Church Workers Student Grants

North Wisconsin District LCMS

**\$25,000**

2019 was a year of reflection for Nathan Bauknecht. "I learned a lot about myself, and what kind of Christian man I wanted to be. I learned a lot about what servant leadership was, and dedicated my summer to serving as a counselor at Camp Luther doing just that. I changed my major to Lutheran Secondary Education, and really learned what it means to be passionate about what you're studying. I learned how to be intentional with my interactions with others, and to always be a light for Christ. More important than anything, I learned how to put God first in everything I do, and how to show His love always."



Young women and men, like Nathan, who have a desire and ability to train for church work as a pastor, teacher, deaconess, parish worker, DCE, lay assistant or other full-time ministry position often lack the financial resources needed to get the education required for that position. The North Wisconsin District-LCMS supports these students through Professional Church Worker Student Grants.



The North WI District has multiple funds that make up the annual awards to professional church work students. Donors have helped grow endowments created specifically for these students. Each year the NWD distributes these grants from the endowments and annual gifts only, not the budget. In 2020, 28 grants were awarded for a total over \$116,000. Because changes in the market impact the amount of funds available from the endowment, growing this endowment and adding annual gifts to the distribution allows the NWD to strengthen the support it provides.

This financial gift is available to all full-time college and seminary students attending a synodical school. Recipients must hold communicant membership in a parish within the North Wisconsin District. Students apply for the grants each year and the funds are paid directly to the school, half for the fall semester and half for the spring semester. Students like Nathan are very thankful for this support and look forward to serving as church workers in the future. For more information, visit [nwdlcms.org](http://nwdlcms.org).

